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From the Editor



Welcome to another issue of *the Quarterly*. This past summer was an exciting one for the RCMP as they played an integral role in guarding the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge – Prince William and Kate Middleton – during their inaugural trip across Canada. It was an exciting visit for Canadians who turned out in droves to see the royal couple in person. And, it was an exciting assignment for the Force members who were tasked with guarding the future king and queen of England, as well as the people who wanted to meet them. Inside this edition is a photo montage that captures the excitement and intensity of the royal tour.

Also featured in these pages is a harrowing story about the fire that ravaged Slave Lake, Alta., earlier this year and the steps taken by the RCMP to evacuate the town even as their own homes were consumed by flames. There is also an article about the changing role of RCMP members in Afghanistan as Canada transitions out of its active combat role and prepares to transfer responsibility for security to the Afghan military and police forces. As you will read, the RCMP continues to play an important part in policing that war-ravaged country.

We are also celebrating the life of Supt. John Religa (Rtd.), one of our former colleagues here at the RCMP Veterans' Association, who passed away on Sept. 10, 2011. John recently retired after a long and distinguished career with the Veterans' Association and *the Quarterly*. His contributions over the years were extremely valuable and he will be greatly missed by everyone here. We thank John's family for his help, guidance and friendship.

Please note that the format for the "Scarlet & Gold" section of the magazine has changed slightly. Beginning in this issue, we will be profiling retired Force members, public servants and civilian members who have made significant contributions to the RCMP and its Veterans' Association. To start, we are honouring Cpl. Mitch Owens (Rtd.), who has led a varied and fruitful career with the RCMP - from serving on the northern tip of Baffin Island, to working as an immigration officer in England, putting his Slavic-based language skills to good use.

Lastly, please remember to buy our Christmas cards as we head into the holiday season. This is an important fundraiser for *the Quarterly* and a great way to support our publication, the Force and retired members. You can place an order for the Christmas cards. See page 120 of the magazine for details. And, as always, please keep sending in submissions. While we can't print everything we receive, we do read each article that's sent. Photos should be sent using minimum 300 dpi and 5.5 inches in size. And if you have a suggestion for our new profiling column, please drop us a line.

Have a wonderful autumn.

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On Guard for the Royal Couple

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS of Cambridge, Prince William and his new bride, Kate Middleton, visited Canada from June 30 to July 8, 2011, on their first royal tour as a married couple.

The nine-day tour included visits to seven cities and five provinces. The RCMP, in conjunction with local police, were busy

providing security during the tour. This included planning routes, checking out sites in advance, and doing test drives for motorcades prior to the couple's arrival.

During Prince William and Kate Middleton's tour, the RCMP were responsible not only for vehicle motorcades, but protection in the form of bodyguards, as well as operational support and the joint coordination of intelligence and investigations. RCMP members, along with an unspecified number of British police officers, accompanied the couple throughout their Canadian tour.

Since British police officers don't have jurisdiction in Canada, the RCMP were solely



On July 1, 2011, as part of their visit to Ottawa, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge attended a citizenship ceremony at the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Several "A" Div. members volunteered during the ceremony, helping to make it a once-in-a-lifetime event.



The Duchess of Cambridge waves to the crowd on Parliament Hill that gathered for Canada Day celebrations.

Photo by Gilles Laframboise

responsible for Prince William and Kate Middleton's security while in this country. The route the couple took to events remained top secret and every police officer in the cities they visited was called on for active duty.

The newlyweds were in Ottawa for Canada Day, where Prince William briefly addressed the crowd of more than 300,000 people. The royal couple then visited Quebec City and toured Prince Edward Island, where Prince William participated in a military exercise using a Sea King helicopter. They then flew to Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, where they were welcomed by the premier and aboriginal leaders in a ceremony that included a prayer and drum songs.

Other destinations included the Calgary Stampede and a tour of fire ravaged Slave Lake, Alta. Their final stop was Challenger Rotary Park, where Prince William inspected the guard with full military honours.

During their tour of Canada, the RCMP had to deal with the couple's enormous popularity with the public. Many people were eager to get out there and be the first in line to speak with the glamorous young royals. Fortunately, the RCMP has more than a century of experience in protecting members of the British royal family. The Mounties first assisted with Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1897.



Commissioner Bill Elliott speaks with Prince William.

Photo by Gilles Laframboise



RCMP with crowds behind the fence on Parliament Hill.

Photo by Gilles Laframboise



RCMP provide security on Parliament Hill as dignitaries arrive.

Photo by Gilles Laframboise



The Royal Couple is greeted by PEI's Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Barbara A. Hagerman and her husband, Mr. Nelson Hagerman, at Charlottetown, PEI.



Kate Middleton competes against her husband in a dragon boat race at an outdoor reception at Dalway-by-the-Sea, PEI.

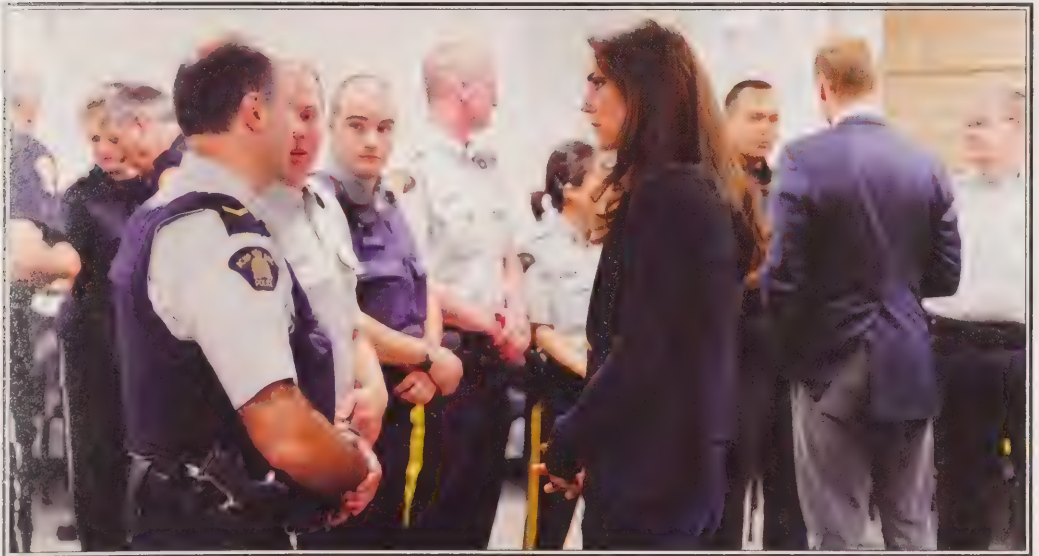


The Royal couple waves goodbye in Summerside, PEI, as they disembark on the next leg of their Canadian tour.



The Royal couple, donning white cowboy hats, watched as the RCMP Veterans' Association, Calgary Division, passed by in an antique touring car, while participating in the Calgary Stampede on July 8, 2011.

Photo by Tim Mitchell



The surprise visit to Slave Lake, Alta., by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on July 5, 2011 was a welcome distraction to a community working hard to recover for a devastating fire. Before meeting with Slave Lake citizens, the royal couple met privately with members of the Slave Lake RCMP Detachment and other first responders to thank them for their service and dedication to the citizens of Slave Lake.

Photo by S/Sgt. Roberta McKale

RCMP Save Lives In Slave Lake

By Andrea Church and Mary Schlosser, "K" Div. Strategic Communications Unit

WHEN WILDFIRES HIT Slave Lake, Alta., every RCMP employee in the area – including several auxiliary constables – responded to the call of duty.

In the days leading up to the fire, officials had issued a two-hour evacuation notice to some surrounding communities, but on the morning of May 15, 2011, the winds changed, fuelling a fire that would ravage much of the town and force the evacuation of 10,500 residents.

No one could have foreseen the speed and severity of the wildfire that descended on Slave Lake. The fact that nobody was hurt or killed has been attributed to the fast actions of first responders, many of whom forged on without



RCMP members respond to the call of duty as wildfires ravage Slave Lake, Alta., in May 2011.

knowing the extent of their own personal losses or even if their own families were safe.

RCMP Auxiliary Constable Al Motowylo, with 13 years of service, was called on to do house checks and direct vehicles out of town before the fire jumped the highway. However, when the fire moved, he found himself trapped on one side of town – his wife on the other.

“I didn’t know where my wife was during all of it. I had texted her to get out of town, and she said she was going, but I never saw her car pass through.”

After four very tense hours, Cst. Motowylo learned that his wife had made it to safety.

Undoubtedly, members from the Slave Lake RCMP Detachment and other first responders risked their own lives carrying out the evacuation order. Eventually, fire fighters managed to bring the situation under control with back up from the RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs, Alberta Sustainable Resources, Alberta Fish and Wildlife, and a long list of other players who pitched in during the emergency. One hundred RCMP members, including the Special Tactical Operations Team (STO), were deployed to the area to assist with the disaster.

“The fire brought out the best and worst in people,” said Cpl. Rod Klenk. “I have been impressed by all of our members. They all did the job – not knowing how their own houses fared – but they did the job until everyone got out. Everyone worked hard. The firefighters and volunteers should be commended.”

When the flames were finally extinguished, nine employees of the Slave Lake RCMP Detachment learned that they had lost their own homes: Csts. Leigh Drinkwater, Colin Harnish, Clint Crittenden and Kevin Beniuk; Corporals Cuneyt Sanbak and Chris Murphy; detachment employee Joy Payne; and Aux. Csts. Al Motowylo and Jane Zimmer.

For some, it will be at least two years before they can expect to move into a new home. In the meantime, they will live in mobile units that have been provided to house first responders and their families. Others have decided to transfer out of Slave Lake. Cst. Leigh Drinkwater is taking a transfer to Desmarais.

“The hardest thing for us right now is commuting,” he said. “My wife is staying with family in Sherwood Park and I’m working in Slave Lake. I work five days on, four days

off, and then visit the family on my longer weekends. I have been on the phone constantly with insurance companies. It’s very draining.”

As they start rebuilding their lives, Cst. Drinkwater and others are grateful for the support they have received from the RCMP. The surprise visit to Slave Lake by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on July 5, 2011 was a welcome distraction to a community working hard to recover. Before meeting with Slave Lake citizens, the Royal Couple met privately with members of the Slave Lake Detachment and other first responders to thank them for their service and dedication to the citizens of Slave Lake.

As summer comes to an end in northern Alberta, members of the Slave Lake RCMP Detachment are doing what they can to help the community deal with the aftermath of the fire. Construction is underway, which means an increase in transient workers, and many families are struggling as they deal with the stress of losing their homes. Police are dealing with more alcohol related events and are working hard to keep drugs off the streets. However, Cst. Harnish reports that the challenges are manageable.

“We’re almost back to normal, the new normal,” he said. “When fire threatened the community, the members of Slave Lake Detachment did what it took to get the job done – and they will continue to take things in stride as they help the citizens of Slave Lake meet the challenges of the days and months ahead.”

New Role for Police In War Torn Afghanistan

By C/Supt. Robert Goodall, Insp. Lorne Contantinoff and Supt. Grant St. Germaine

WITH THE END OF Canada's combat mission in Afghanistan this past summer, Canada is transitioning to a new phase of engagement in the country that will run through 2014.

The long-term goal of this new phase of operations is to transfer responsibility for security and governance to Afghans – including policing the country.

With the June deployment of Canadian civilian police (CIVPOL) to Afghanistan, which included the new Canadian police commander, the contingent in Afghanistan has dropped slightly to approximately 45 police officers on an ongoing basis from 50 during the previous mission.

Most Canadian CIVPOL are now based out of Kabul, or nearby cities, and attached to either the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan (NTM-A) or the European Union Police (EUPOL) mission. There is a small command group at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul. The Canadian police contingent in Afghanistan is part of a team that includes other federal government departments.

"A credible and more professional Afghan National Police is a crucial component in fostering stability in Afghanistan, enhancing the rule of law, and making people and

communities feel more secure," says C/Supt. Everett Summerfield, the new Canadian police commander. "Together with our allies, we will continue to build the kind of disciplined, professional and effective security force needed to ensure stability and promote peace and economic development for the Afghan people."

As with the previous mission, the role of CIVPOL in Afghanistan is to train, mentor and advise the Afghan National Police (ANP), and to assist in building their capacity as a credible police force. This role builds on the many experiences they have gained in Afghanistan since 2003, especially in the Kandahar area.

Canadian CIVPOL will continue to be involved in police reform and participate in the development and delivery of training programs. Canadian police will also help to establish accountability and civilian oversight mechanisms, and advance institutional reform and capacity building. The key changes to the police mission will be the focus and location of the training. As of June 2011, Canadian police will be largely based out of Kabul, although they may be deployed to work in regional training centres outside of the city.

Canadian police will focus on four niche areas to continue to strengthen institutional capacity and support anti-corruption efforts:

- Management and leadership training
- Specialized investigative skills – anti-corruption, major crime, forensic investigations
- Community policing – this will be overarching and incorporated in all programs

Making a difference in Afghanistan

Insp. Jean-Marc Nadeau.

Deputy Senior Advisor Rule of Law

Deputy Commander Group – Police

During my upbringing, I always tried to help people in the community. So, when it came time to decide what I was going to do with my life, working for the police seemed to be the right choice. Specifically, joining the RCMP seemed to be the natural choice as it involved helping people and travelling across the country.

In January 1991, I was off to “Depot” for recruit training. Over the next 20 years, I spent time in British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Ottawa and in Manitoba. Back home, I’m the Officer in Charge of Central Plains Area Command, “D” Div., also known as Portage la Prairie and the surrounding area. I’ve had the opportunity to help people all over the country, and that is the greatest advantage of working for the RCMP. In the Arctic, I learned a lot about small isolated communities and their challenges. Policing the north is not an easy thing, but I had tremendous learning

experiences as a police officer. Afghanistan is, in many ways, very similar to the challenges police face in the far north.

I had long thought about serving in a foreign mission overseas. But the timing had to be right for my family. This past fall when officer staffing sent out a second note seeking a senior officer for deployment to Afghanistan, I spoke to my wife and kids about the opportunity. We all agreed that it was indeed the right time for a foreign mission. However, my youngest daughter’s concern was whether we would have to move to Afghanistan, never mind that daddy would be gone for a full year. She was not moving! I was happy to reassure her she could stay put.

Earlier this year, in March 2011, I landed in Kabul, Afghanistan. What an eye opener! It was like being back at “Depot” 20 years later - cafeteria style food, large dining halls, sharing bathrooms and showers. It’s like camping for a full year.

I was first assigned to the Afghan National Police Training General Command (ANPTGC) to advise Major General (MGen) Sailab. MGen



Insp. Jean-Marc Nadeau, second from left, with other Canadian civilian police and Canada’s Ambassador to Afghanistan, His Excellency Mr. William Crosbie, third from right, at a gathering at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, on June 4, 2011.

Sailab is the second in command for the entire Afghan National Police training system, which includes 36 “Depot”-like installations. Without trying to compare cultures, I found MGen Sailab very similar to Inuit elders I’ve met in the Arctic. He has been a soldier and policeman for over 40 years. Like the Inuit elders, he’s a man with great wisdom. MGen Sailab very much appreciates when outsiders attempt to learn the local culture before getting down to business. So, for the first two months of my deployment, we got to know each other and I learned a great deal about the Afghan culture.



Major General Sailab and Insp. Jean-Marc Nadeau.

One of the biggest challenges I found came from working through interpreters, both while in Nunavut and now Afghanistan. Conveying my thoughts through a third person is not easy. While at the ANPTGC, my interpreter – named Jaweed – was excellent. We got to know each other very well and it made our work so much easier. I was just starting to get traction with the ANPTGC when our contingent commander at Camp Eggers asked if I would consider becoming an advisor to the Deputy Commander Group – Police on Rule of Law Affairs. I’m not a lawyer, but with more than 20 years of experience in the field of policing, I know about Rule of Law in relation to policing.

(Rule of Law is a governance model where citizens are guaranteed access to pre-established laws of the land, and those laws are equally applied to all citizens of the country – no

exception. In order to ensure laws are applied equally, the model must rely on an independent judicial system, a supportive law enforcement structure, and a correction/detention system which supports internationally accepted human rights.)

Although, I was getting to know MGen Sailab enough to be comfortable to offer advice, the new position offered opportunities to shape the future of the Afghan National Police at the strategic level. The down side of my new job is that I don’t work directly with Afghans. However, I help shape the vision of ISAF leaders, who are military, on what the Afghan National Police should look like post insurgency fighting.

For the past 10 years, the Afghan National Police have been seen as an extension of the Afghan National Army and the Coalition Forces. With transition looming, resulting in large military draw down, how the Coalition Force looks and shapes the Afghan National Police is important. Otherwise, the Coalition Force will leave in 2014 and the Afghan National Police will still be sitting at check points and not much core policing will be accomplished.

For an organization that has done nothing other than security work for more than 30 years, transitioning to a community-driven police organization requires CivPol advisors like myself, and the 44 other Canadian CivPols currently in Afghanistan, to work together with our Coalition Forces and Afghan partners. Like my experience in the Arctic, working in Afghanistan is truly a great learning opportunity. And, it allows me to help others, which brings me back to why I joined the RCMP in the first place.

Reflections on the Mission wIn Afghanistan

By Cst. Carla Johnston, Toronto Police Service

As far back as I can remember, I have wanted to help people abroad who are in need. I dreamt of going overseas to build schools and churches, and of joining the Peace Corps. I was motivated and determined that, one day, I would make a difference in another part of the world.

Early in my career with the Toronto Police Service, I heard about the possibility of

participating in overseas missions. At that time, there was a minimum requirement of eight years of policing experience needed to apply. I knew this was something I wanted to experience, and, through policing, I felt my opportunity had finally arrived. The years passed quickly and when I learned of the mission to Afghanistan, I leapt at the opportunity. I felt the need to contribute, and the opportunity to serve my country, the police service, and the people of Afghanistan. This was a dream fulfilled.

I submitted my application for the mission, researched the country of Afghanistan and Canada's engagement in Afghanistan for 2011-2014. Some of Canada's themes focused on investing in the education of Afghan children, security, rule of law, human rights and a commitment to advancing gender equality. As a police officer, and a woman with a background in education, this mission seemed like a perfect fit for me.



Cst. Carla Johnston in Herat waiting for our flight back to Kabul with a fellow RCMP member.

When I arrived in Afghanistan, I was informed that I would be working for the NATO Training Mission as the gender and human rights advisor to the Ministry of

Interior, the government ministry responsible for all of Afghanistan's police forces. I was assigned to "Police Development," as an advisor to Brigadier General Shafiq Quraishi, one of three female Afghan Generals and head of the Gender, Human Rights and Child Rights Department. To many, she is the face of women in Afghanistan, responsible for human rights violations committed against the population at large and within the police force.



Cst. Carla Johnston performs a retinal scan on an Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP) member.

My experience to date has been eye-opening, truly a world apart from Canada. For the first time in my life, I have a true appreciation of what it would have been like as a woman in early 20th century North America, when women were fighting for equality. Many hurdles have been overcome but there are many more to go. Despite the challenges, my experience in Afghanistan has been positive. It is a place of international cooperation; we have come together with a common goal of wanting to help the people of Afghanistan find security and peace. The experience and relationships built have made all the difference. I will always be grateful to everyone who has made the mission possible for our Canadian police and thankful to those who have come before, who are here now, and who will follow after us.

RCMP Veterans' Association Advocates for Welfare of Retired Members

*By S/Sgt. Bill Gidley (Rtd.),
Executive Director, RCMP Veterans' Association*

THE RCMP VETERANS' Association is an important national body that represents retired members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and helps ensure the well-being of its members and the continuation of a proud tradition in which members hold considerable pride.

The Association has been in existence since April 16, 1886. The North West Mounted Police (NWMP) Veterans' Association, as it was known then, had just 24 members at its first meeting. The NWMP Veterans' Association quickly began to grow, and in 1954 its name was changed to the RCMP Veterans' Association. Today, there are 30 divisions of the association across Canada with approximately 5,000 members.



Purposes and Objectives of the Association

The RCMP Veterans' Association provides continuous information and updates on activities of divisions and the national office on topics such as benefits, pensions, health and dental programs, disability, government legislation and matters concerning the Force. Here is an update on various issues that the RCMP Veterans' Association is advocating for on behalf of its members:

Veterans Independence Program (VIP)

This is a benefit provided to members of the Canadian Forces (CF). The Veterans Independence Program (VIP) benefits include assisting pensioners with tasks they are physically unable to perform such as shovelling their driveway and mowing their lawn. If the CF retiree is successful in obtaining VIP benefits, the submission of receipts for this work will be reimbursed by Veterans Affairs Canada.

The RCMP Veterans' Association has held meetings with the senior management of the RCMP in an effort to obtain benefits for our retirees. The senior management of the Force have, in turn, held a number of discussions with the Minister of Public Safety. The Minister is supportive of the RCMP seeking to obtain the required legislative authority to provide these disability benefits and services to eligible members of the RCMP. This file remains active, however, it is subject to the overall priority setting of the Government of Canada.

Public Service Health Care Dental Plan Board

A member of the RCMP Veterans' Association is a voting member of this board. Retired members of the public service, Canadian Forces, and RCMP take part in this dental plan. This board meets regularly at the Treasury Board office in Ottawa, Ont., and determines cases that are being grieved by dental clients who have not had their dental treatment paid for by the plan administrator – Sun Life Assurance. The dental board does uphold and support numerous cases in favour of the dental customer and Sun Life Assurance will then pay the cost of the dental treatment. This dental plan is one of the few that has dental coverage for survivors.

RCMP Pension

A question asked from time to time is, "If I die and my spouse remarries, will she/he continue to receive my pension?" The answer is "yes," the remarriage of the surviving spouse will not affect the pension.

These are just a few of the issues that the RCMP Veterans' Association is advocating for on behalf of its membership. This advocacy work is one of the many reasons people choose to join the RCMP Veterans' Association. Other reasons include:

- Camaraderie with former members and their families.
- Regular social events such as coffee gatherings, golf tournaments and dances.
- The director of member services coordinates the funeral arrangements of deceased members with the family, and can arrange an honour guard, pall bearers, and the services of RCMP padres.
- Regular division bulletins, updates, for example, at the Ottawa Division, there is an informative newsletter called *The Spirit*, with a listing of illnesses, notice of deaths, social events, employment opportunities, news from other divisions and the national executive.
- Annual general meetings in different locations each year, providing an opportunity to socialize with old friends while doing important Association business.

Many Association volunteers put in countless unpaid hours to help former members. There is little doubt that Association members receive tremendous value for the minimal annual membership dues.

How the Association Functions

Policies and objectives of the Association are usually determined at its annual general meetings. The Board of Directors is the governing authority between general meetings. In addition, it is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to administer and manage the affairs of the Association on a daily basis.

To assist the Board of Directors, as well as divisions of the Association and the general public, the Association maintains a national office, which is staffed during normal work hours. Being conveniently located in the national headquarters of the Force in Ottawa, Ont., the national office is able to maintain a close liaison with the Force.

In October 1999, the RCMP Veterans' Association assumed publication of *the Quarterly* magazine from the Force to ensure its continued success and enjoyment by all readers. *The Quarterly* offers the RCMP, its current and former members, and interested contributors a chance to share information on programs, events and stories.

The Quarterly welcomes manuscripts, letters, photographs and news on RCMP and veteran-related subjects in either official language. Text should be simply formatted and saved electronically (e.g. WordPerfect or Microsoft Word). Submissions will also be accepted as hard copy only, typed double-spaced on one side of the page. While *the Quarterly* reserves the right to use discretion in publishing submitted material, any submission accepted is subject to revision and editing at the editor's discretion.

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Celebrating the Life of Supt. John Edward Religa (Rtd.)

By Insp. Peter Austin (Rtd.)

JOHN EDWARD RELIGA, age 77, was a valued colleague at *the Quarterly* magazine and RCMP Veterans' Association who volunteered thousands of hours for the benefit of others. Sadly, he passed away on Sept. 10, 2011, in Ottawa, Ont.



Supt. John Edward Religa (Rtd.).

John Religa was born on July 10, 1934, and grew up in Toronto before joining the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in June 1953. After training in Regina and Ottawa, John was transferred to "B" Div. in Newfoundland where he served for a total of 17 years. The remainder of his service was spent in Ottawa. At the time of his retirement in May 1994, John was the departmental security officer – a position he held for eight consecutive years.



Cst. John Religa in 1953.

During his career, John had the privilege of performing with the RCMP Musical Ride in 1956. During the 1976 Summer Olympics, John worked as assistant Olympic security coordinator for the sailing competitions that were held in Kingston, Ont. He also helped evaluate



Winter 2000 was the first issue of the *Quarterly* that Supt. John Religa (Rtd.) contributed to and Fall 2011 was the last.

RCMP programs in the early 1980s and had the distinction of writing two books in retirement.

John joined the Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association upon retiring in 1994. He served as second vice president, first vice president, and president. He also served as treasurer of the National Veterans' Association, and treasurer of Ottawa Division.

While with the Veterans' Association, John helped to negotiate the terms and conditions under which the Association would assume publication of *the Quarterly* magazine in October 1999. Consequently, he became one of the five members who made up the Board of Trustees, and, at the time of his death, was the only original trustee still serving. John also served the magazine as a member of the Editorial Management Board, and as its treasurer. A tireless worker, John was also heavily involved in the magazine's successful request for financial support from Heritage Canada.

There are many accomplishments that John could take credit for during his time with the Association and *the Quarterly*. He was the main force behind the RCMP Christmas cards, which was a time consuming job. He brought about the "Certificate of Achievement Award," along with a \$100 donation to the cadet in each troop with the highest combined score for the mid-term and final examinations in Applied Police Sciences. John also introduced the "Ottawa Division Survivors Guide," which assists spouses after the death of a Force member.

Not surprising, John's dedication to the Association and *the Quarterly* earned admiration from his colleagues and friends. John was known to telephone fellow trustees as early as 7 a.m., and as late as 11 p.m., to discuss matters relating to RCMP veterans. He attended every meeting of the Association, as well as *the Quarterly*, and visited the National Office practically every day. In addition to this

work, John found time to volunteer as a tour guide at the "N" Div. stables and arranged for other volunteer guides from Ottawa Division.

In many respects, John was the glue that held it all together. It was more than having been around a long time and having the experience. It was a matter of sharing his experience and knowledge, and a desire to take on or assist with any project no matter how big or small. At the recent Annual General Meeting in St. John's, Nfld., a motion was made and passed to recognize John's outstanding work and commitment to the Association over the past 17 years.

John's long association with *the Quarterly* was an ironic turn of events. Many years ago, John read in *the Quarterly* that the RCMP was looking for recruits to join the Force. In an essay portion of his examination to join the Force in 1953, John described to

the Commissioner the RCMP *Quarterly* advertisement for recruits he had read and which gave him the idea to enlist.

John's family will be presented with a certificate signed by Tim Hoban, president of the Association, and by the Commissioner as honorary president of the Association, in appreciation and recognition of John's outstanding service to the RCMP Veterans' Association over many years. He will be greatly missed.

John is survived by his wife Georgina (Gina) nee Kent, sister Susan (Bob Brozina) and his children John Jr. (Pauline Leger), Mary (James Halls), Cheryl (Jeff Nesrallah), and Carol-Ann (Tony Macri). He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Sophie, Kayla, Olivia, Noah, Jared, Kent, Amanda and his great-grandson, Alexis.



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BACK DAY

LOOKING BACK 78 YEARS AGO

Procuring Dog-Food in the Eastern Arctic

By Inspector C.E. Wilcox

Although it may seem hard to believe today, the RCMP used to rely on sled dogs to help them patrol Canada's Arctic region. Until the mid-1960s, almost every detachment in the north under "G" Div. had a contingent of sled dogs that were used to carry out patrols across the frozen tundra. According to RCMP files, there were more than 250 sled dogs on strength in the Yukon and Northwest Territories in 1959. In that year, 53,443 miles of patrols were carried out by sled dog teams.

In the 1960s, sled dogs began to be phased out in favour of snow mobiles and other machines capable of traveling at faster speeds in rugged winter conditions. By 1967, only 13 of the 41 permanent detachments of "G" Div. still used sled dogs. The last RCMP sled dog patrol occurred in 1969, after which the Force only used machines to travel in the Arctic.

Caring and feeding for sled dogs in the Arctic could be a challenging job for RCMP members as recounted in this article by Inspector C.E. Wilcox. This article first appeared in *the Quarterly* magazine in 1933, when sled dogs were still widely used and depended on by the Force.

AN IMPORTANT DUTY OF the members of the Force stationed in the Eastern Arctic is to procure sufficient dog-food to tide them over during the season of darkness.

This entails considerable hardship, but, at the same time, offers a rare diversion from the regular duties.

As a general rule, two dog-teams are maintained at each detachment: a team consisting of from 14 to 16 dogs. In addition, there are the usual pups to be cared for.

The selection of dog-food is of vital importance. It is generally agreed by experienced explorers that walrus meat, in the Eastern Arctic, is, possibly, the best dog-food obtainable, with seal a close second. The meat of the walrus is most nutritious, promoting growth and development of the body.

The dogs are usually fed in the evening, following a hard day's work, as early-morning feeding promotes drowsiness and laziness. About three pounds of meat, daily, is apportioned to each patrol dog and, owing to their penchant for walrus meat, this is gulped down without mastication.



An RCMP officer with a boy at Hudson's Bay Company trading post in Churchill.

Photo from RCMP member Ed Burnell in 1966.

As it is essential that several tons of meat be stored, before the season of darkness, a number of walrus hunts are organized. In addition to providing substantial dog-food, considerable sport is derived by the hunters.

The walrus is a colossal marine animal, weighing from 1,200 to 3,000 pounds, and is armed with huge ivory tusks from 18 to 24 inches in length, which enable the animal to splinter stout whale-boats with little effort. These giant creatures are most abundant along the shores of Greenland, which are used as breeding grounds, but are also quite numerous in the vicinity of Foxe Basin and Melville Peninsula.

Whale-boats are generally used by white men on these hunts, but the natives prefer the lighter and faster kayaks. While the more modern method of hunting walrus is with the rifle, the use of the harpoon is still much in evidence among the natives.

The harpoon, as a rule, is about 5 or 6 feet in length but varies in weight. The point is usually

fashioned from a piece of sharp steel and set into a base of ivory cut from the walrus tusk; it is securely bound to the staff of the harpoon with strong "oogjook" thongs.

Incidentally, the "oogjook" (or bearded seal) is quite rare, and is a prize highly coveted by the natives. The tough hide of the "oogjook" is invaluable for traces, leather thongs, and other necessities, but more especially in the making of boots, because of the protection it affords the feet against the sharp ice.

A 15 to 20 foot thong of "oogjook" is attached to the harpoon, at the end of which is affixed an inflated seal-skin which acts as a float. The natives are particularly adept in the use of the harpoon and may strike with unerring accuracy from a distance of 20 feet or more.

Should the walrus succeed in reaching the water after being harpooned, it will invariably dive, when the float is promptly released, enabling the hunter to follow the course of the wounded animal. The thong is sometimes coiled about the arm of the native, but this

practice is dangerous as quick action on the part of the walrus would upset the kayak before the Eskimo could release himself.

Hunting walrus, while most hazardous, is a thrilling adventure as these creatures are undoubtedly some of the most truculent marine animals in existence. They will, sometimes, without the slightest provocation, charge the kayaks or whale-boats, bringing grief, and not infrequently, a horrible fate to the occupants. In spite of their gigantic bulk, in the water they are amazingly lithe and fast, but out of the water, like the seal, they are awkward and clumsy, using their flippers to propel themselves about.

Walrus are usually stalked when basking in the sun on the ice floes or pans, and it is frequently possible to reach a point of vantage without disturbing them.

In my opinion, the olfactory sense of the walrus is not so keen as that of the seal, which are ever on the alert for their dreaded enemy, the polar bear. Consequently, the hunter may approach within close proximity of the slumbering walrus without detection, as these animals are not quick to sense the presence of humans.

When the walrus is wounded, it will roll convulsively on the ice in an effort to reach the water. Its vociferous blowing or trumpeting creates such a din that the others are aroused from their slumber and immediately strike for the open water. Once in the water, the walrus is a most treacherous animal, particularly when wounded. The cunning of the native Eskimos usually outwits the walrus, because of their skillful handling of the kayaks, as this light craft may be swung clear of the charge with little or no effort. The cumbersome whale-boat, however, is an easy target for the charge, and many anxious moments are experienced in the turbulent waters before the animal finally succumbs.

Another characteristic of the walrus frequently observed on these hunts, and which I, personally, have witnessed, is the sight of the remainder of the herd flocking to the assistance of a wounded mate and literally carrying it out of danger with the aid of their flippers.

During the spring of 1928, while on patrol across Baffin Island, en route to Igloolik, it was my pleasure to be invited to a walrus hunt, an invitation I gladly accepted.

We set out from the edge of the ice floes in a large whale-boat, manned by six men, five at the oars and one at the tiller. The trip was a decided success and a most thrilling adventure. I was informed that, a short time before my arrival, one of the natives had met an untimely death while on a similar hunt.

He was one of a number of Eskimos who were hunting in the vicinity. He had evidently harpooned a large bull walrus, and was seated in his kayak anxiously following the course of the float. Owing to the numerous masses of small ice floating about at the time, the speed of the kayak was considerably curtailed. Suddenly, without warning, and before he could shove the kayak clear, the wounded walrus emerged from the turbid waters and with one stroke of his mighty tusks, crushed the frail kayak, throwing the unfortunate Eskimo into the water.

The other natives were powerless to help him, and with the infuriated animal, losing not a moment, seized the struggling native with his huge flippers, held him securely, and with one slash of his murderous tusks, ripped him from shoulder to hip. The mangled body was then dragged to the bottom, leaving the scattered fragments of the kayak as mute testimony of a grim tragedy.

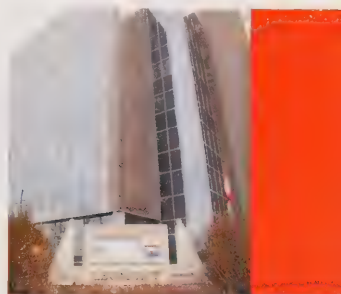
The task of removing the dead body of a walrus from the water is also quite difficult due to its extreme weight, and, when at all possible, it is generally towed to shore where it can be more easily removed.

It will, therefore, be understood that the task of the Police, in the Eastern Arctic, of procuring such an important necessity as dog-food, involves not only considerable hardship and hazard but, at the same time, offers an unusual diversion to the members of the Force with sporting instincts.

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"A" Division

Headquarters — Ottawa, Ontario



S/Sgt. Stephane St-Jacques Invested into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces

"Humble, selfless, compassionate, fair," are only a few of the words used to describe S/Sgt. Stephane St-Jacques, who was recently invested into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces. Each year, a few distinguished members receive this honour in recognition of their exceptional merit, contributions to policing and community development, which must be exemplified throughout their entire career.

From the very beginning of his policing career, Stephane has had an impact on community members wherever he has worked. Among his first postings were Cap-Pelé and Shediac, NB, where as an investigator, he developed a strong rapport with the local population. His reputation and the trust he gained allowed him to solve crimes through public cooperation.

Other career highlights include participating in successful investigations in Moncton and Ottawa; in fact, in 2000, Stephane was finally able to use his knowledge of accounting principles when he was transferred to "A" Div.'s Commercial Crime Section. Within nine years, he rose from the rank of constable to staff-sergeant and has been at the helm of several sensitive and highly politicized major projects.

Most recently, Stephane joined the United Nations mission in Haiti, where he observed the poverty of the Haitian people. He sought ways to lend assistance; he located a small orphanage called *Enfant Jésus*, managed by two elderly nuns struggling to care for 35 children. Stephane and his team soon had the orphanage repainted, which provided a glimmer of hope to its residents. Funds began to trickle in for clothing, food and school supplies. A full-time teacher was also hired and the orphans are now being provided with an education and a chance

to succeed. Since Stephane's departure at the end of 2008, other Canadian UN police officers have pursued his inspirational work.

Back in Canada from his UN mission, Stephane returned to his substantive unit and continued his work remotely. He created a team to help him raise funds for the ongoing care of the children and the nuns at the orphanage. And, following the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti during which the orphanage was severely damaged, making it uninhabitable, Stephane led emergency fundraising in order to provide basic necessities. Without a doubt, Stephane's actions have assisted in providing a better quality of life for both the children and the nuns.

The Order of Merit of the Police Forces is a fellowship of honour that recognizes exemplary police service. Membership is based on the highest qualities of citizenship, service to Canada, to the police community and to humanity at large. As evidenced by his strong commitment to all the communities which he has served, Stephane embodies all these qualities and is more than worthy of the honour bestowed upon him.



S/Sgt. Stephane St-Jacques, who was recently invested into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, with Governor General David Johnston.

Gently Used Clothing Collected for Charity

During Public Service Week, "A" Div. employees generously donated gently used clothing for several local charities. The charities included:

- Youville Centre (which helps young mothers in our community);
- Economic and Social Council of Ottawa-Carleton (which helps new immigrants in our community);
- Interval House of Ottawa (which helps women and their kids - victims of spousal abuse); and,
- Shepherds of Good Hope (which helps the homeless)

In total, 29 boxes of clothing were delivered. Thank you all for your generosity!

"A" Div. Employees Grant Children's Wishes

At the June Java, A/Commr. François Bidal thanked Chantal Lurette for her hard work over the years on the division's softball tournament. Held annually, the tournament is a team-building exercise, which raises funds for a very special cause: the Children's Wish Foundation, National Capital Region Chapter. Chantal received a Commanding Officer's Certificate of Appreciation.

As well, D/Commr. Steve Graham presented a cheque for \$14,000. to Emily Angel of the Children's Wish Foundation on behalf of the division from this year's tournament. In thanking employees, Ms. Angel stated that many dreams were realized thanks to "A" Div.

"I cannot thank you enough. The RCMP has been a partner with the Children's Wish Foundation for 19 years and has raised over \$150,000.," she said. "Every dollar you have raised has gone to a family to help make their wish come true."

Ms. Angel also read several letters from families who have had wishes granted, and who were thankful to have the opportunity to get away from hospitals, treatments and needles.

Ms. Angel and S/Sgt. Michael Niebudek, chair of the softball volunteer committee, also presented Chantal Lurette with a small gift in appreciation for her dedication and hard work.



Chantal Lurette receives a Commanding Officer's Certificate of Appreciation from A/Commr. François Bidal, for all of her hard work over the years on the division's softball tournament.

Grand Opening



On July 11, "A" Div.'s Leomont Building's newly renovated lobby was unveiled! (L-R): Annie Gauthier, property and facility officer, Julie Carriere, divisional manager of property management and A/Commr. François Bidal cut the ribbon to the new turnstiles! A/Commr. Bidal also recognized the hard work and many hours that went into the renovations.

Neighbourhood School Raises Funds for Enfant-Jesus Orphanage



Cpl. Christine Briand answers a few questions from the students.

Over 400 students at Manor Park Public School sat attentively as Cpl. Christine Briand thanked them for their donations for the Enfant-Jesus orphanage in Haiti. Through bake sales and other fundraisers, the students raised \$1,000. for this heartwarming cause.

"I would like you all to give yourself a great big round of applause for your hard work," she said to the students. "The photos you see of these children show them in their school uniforms. Because of your donations, they are able to go to school."

Briand's presentation showed many photos of the smiling children, as well as the nuns who operate the orphanage. The presentation also included photos of the new buildings currently being built.

A/Commr. François Bidal also had a few words of gratitude for the students.

"Thank you all for your commitment to this worthy cause," he said. He also asked which students had considered a career with the RCMP and included a message about recruiting!

The presentation wrapped up with a series of questions and answers. Many questions were about the orphanage itself, and ranged from how many buildings are being built, how long it will take to build them, to how many children stay at the orphanage.

Cpl. Sherley Goodgie closed the talk with an invitation for all the children and their families to attend the Sunset Ceremonies.



"B" Division

**Headquarters — St. John's,
Newfoundland and Labrador**

RCMP Participates in the Return of Inuit Remains

Nain RCMP assisted the local Nunatsiavut Government with the storage of the remains of 22 Inuit people who were repatriated from the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History. In 1927, the remains of these individuals from the small Moravian settlement of Zoar were dug up from their graves and brought to Chicago. The community of Zoar is located on the coast of Labrador between Nain and Hopedale, and was abandoned in the late 1800s when the trading post was closed.

Anthropologist William Duncan was part of the Rawson-MacMillan Sub-Arctic Expedition

during 1927-28. They collected artefacts all along the coast of Labrador. The remains were dug up without permission. When this was discovered by residents of Nain, the expedition attempted to cover it up by hiding the exhumed sites and leaving the area during the night. The remains were sent back to the Chicago Field Museum where they were held until 2008 when negotiations with the museum and the Nunatsiavut Government were held to repatriate them. The Nunatsiavut Government in conjunction with the Canadian Consulate General and the Museum formulated a plan to bring the remains back and rebury them near the old town site.



Sgt. Cal Barter, Lucas John Terriak and Cpl. Sandy Goudie. Terriak is a local Inuit carver from Nain who created the memorial plaque. His great grandfather Abel was one of the repatriated bodies.

The Inuit remains were flown back to Nain in May 2011 where they were stored by the Nain RCMP detachment at a secure location. On June 22, 2011, the remains were brought back to Zoar where a site had been prepared to place the 22 burial boxes. A full burial rites ceremony was held with Johannes Lampe officiating. Representatives from various levels of government were present as well as over 75 members of the communities of Nain and Hopedale who had traveled there by boat. RCMP members Sgt. Cal Barter of Nain Detachment and Cpl. Sandy Goudie of Goose Bay detachment were present in red serge for the ceremony.

By Helen Cleary – Escott

Governor General Announces Appointments to the Order of Merit of the Police Forces

During National Police Week, the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, announced 44 new appointments to the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, including eight officers and 36 RCMP members. One RCMP member stationed in Newfoundland and Labrador received the award. C/Supt. Richard Noble, the Criminal Operations Officer for the province, received the Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

C/Supt. Noble is originally from New Brunswick but began his career in Newfoundland and Labrador. He joined the RCMP in 1977 and spent the first 18 years of his service in Newfoundland. His first posting was in Holyrood as a General Duty constable. He also served in the St. John's and Gander Drug Section, Criminal Intelligence Section, Burin Customs and Excise, Hopedale and Buchans Detachments. In 1995, he transferred to Ottawa and worked on the Commissioner's Audit Team as a program reviewer. In 1998, he transferred to New Brunswick as the non commissioned officer in charge of the Planning Section. Noble was promoted to inspector in 2000 and then to chief superintendent when he began his new role as criminal operations officer in Newfoundland and Labrador in 2010.

The order was created in 2000 to recognize conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members and employees of the Canadian

police forces whose contributions extend beyond protection of the community. Three levels of membership with post-nominal letters reflect long-term, outstanding service: Commander (C.O.M.), Officer (O.O.M.) and Member (M.O.M.).

Klondike Committee Receives Plaque from Candlelighters

The RCMP Klondike Night raised \$64,556.22 in 2011. The money was equally divided between the Mazol Shriners and VOCM Cares in support of the Candlelighters Association. Each charity received a cheque for \$32,278.11. The Candlelighters Association is a parental, volunteer-based organization that offers support to families of children affected by childhood cancer and to the children themselves. They will use the Klondike funds to run an eight-day residential camp for oncology kids, their siblings and bereaved siblings. To show their appreciation, representatives from the Candlelighters were at RCMP Headquarters on June 15, 2011, to present the Klondike Committee with a plaque as a sign of their gratitude. Their camp will take place over the summer and they wanted to thank RCMP employees for making this much needed donation.



Insp. Leigh Desroches, Klondike chair, Rod Legge and Jordan Peckham from the Candlelighters Association and A/Commr. Bill Smith.

RCMP on Bear Patrol

Cst. Suzanne Bourque, stationed in Glovertown, was patrolling the Terra Nova National Park this past week. She was advised that there was a bear cub at one of the local rest stops. Bourque went to investigate and sure enough a little bear cub was hanging around the rest stop.

Bourque spoke with the people there who told her that he was a friendly little guy and some people had even been feeding him.

Cst. Bourque soon found out just how friendly he was. While she was taking some information from one of the bystanders the baby cub walked towards her. She was not aware of it until she felt him brush up against her leg.

Bourque had a stern talk with the little cub and discussed the dangers of taking food from strangers and explained how it could make him sick.



A baby bear is listening intently to Cst. Bourque while she lectures him on the dangers of talking to humans.

Top Cop Record Broken in Stephenville

RCMP members in the Bay St. George Detachment put a team in the "Top Cop" competition held in conjunction with the Atlantic Region Fire Fit Competition at the Stephenville Dome on July 15, 2011.

The team completed the course in 1 minute 56 seconds and set a new national record for the two-year-old event. In the individual competition, Cst. Jonathan Penney set a new world record with a time of 1:52. The previous record of 1:56 was held by a RCMP member in

Saskatchewan. Cst. Penney competed a second time and lowered his record time further to 1:48.77. Cst. Penney cannot compete in the National Championships being held in Medicine Hat, Alta., from Sept. 15-18, 2011.

The winning team included Cst. Jonathan Penney, Cst. Trevor Fleming, Cst. Ryan Meko, Cst. Luc St. Hilaire and Cst. Calvin Irwin. They competed individually and as part of a relay team. The competition consisted of an obstacle course that included a six-story stair climb carrying a weight, pulling a weight to the top of the stairs, monkey bars, four-feet barrier jump, tunnel crawl, a door breach, tactical shooting with points for marksmanship, hand cuffing, and a rescue carry of a 175-pound person.

By Helen Cleary - Escott



Cst. Jonathan Penney is dragging 175-pound rescue Randy.

MADD Monument in Grand Falls Windsor

On June 17, 2011, the Exploits Mothers Against Drunk Drivers group saw all their hard work come to light. The Exploits MADD chapter have been working very hard over the past couple of years fundraising for a monument that has now been erected in the middle of Grand Falls Windsor. This monument will display the names of victims (death or injury) resulting from the hands of an impaired driver. The monument will serve as a quiet reminder to every motorist or community member that

passes, as well as a place for survivors to come and reflect. The ceremony was conducted by the Exploits MADD chapter with many MADD Canada representatives, provincial government officials, local municipal officials, Grand Falls Windsor RCMP, Gander and Area MADD Chapter, RCMP DOCAS-Central, and GFW Fire Rescue and Ambulance Services. Family members were encouraged to light a candle in honor of their family member, then escorted down to the monument to witness the unveiling. Many of our RCMP members sit on the MADD chapters in the area that they police.



Cpl. Ann Noel (DOCAS); Cst. Wanda Lee Shearing (Town of Gander); Lisa Jackson (MADD Gander); Donna Barrett (MADD Gander President); Gemma Loughlin (MADD Gander); Zane Tucker (Deputy Mayor Gander); Sgt. Joe Collett (Traffic Services).

Police Forces celebrate Police Week 2011

The RCMP, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and Canadian Forces Military Police joined forces to celebrate Police Week in St. John's on May 16, 2011.

This year, these three Forces joined together to showcase and promote their various sections and specialized units at a Police Week open house.

The public was invited to the Police Week Open House at CFS St. John's Drill Hall in Pleasantville on May 16-17. Visitors spoke

with police officers and learned about careers in policing and in the military. The police partnered with the Eastern School District to bring in many students from the area.

The show featured displays from sections from all three Forces, including Traffic Services, collision reconstruction, Emergency Response Teams, Forensic Identification Units, Community Services, Computer Crime, the science of Alcohol and Drug Testing, Recruiting, plus many other police related topics.

Police week activities took place in communities throughout the province in order to honour police officers for the public safety and security they provide to their communities. Call your local police detachment for more information.

Rigolet RCMP celebrates 11 years in the community

RCMP employees and the community of Rigolet celebrated the 11th anniversary of having a full time detachment in the community.

Nunatsiavut Government First Minister Darryl Shiwak, kindergarten student Monique Allen, Cst. George White and AngajukKâk mayor Charlotte Wolfrey participated in a cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the anniversary. Some 80 people attended the ceremony, which was held at the Northern Lights Academy, the official kick off to Police Week 2011 in the community.

Police Week Activities on Northern Peninsula

RCMP employees throughout the Northern Peninsula were very busy during Police Week 2011. They put an emphasis on seniors by visiting several homes to talk to the residents and to serve lunch. Cst. Derek Train and Cst. Scott Hynes visited seniors at the Northern Retirement home in Port Saunders. Cst. Joe Young went to Roddickton House. Cst. Graham Dawe and Cst. Shane Clarke spent time with staff and residents at Shirley's Haven.

Enforcement was also a priority for Cpl. John Dawson and Cst. James Perry in St. Barbe. They spent time with four liquor inspectors targeting contraband coming from Quebec. In Rocky Harbour, Cst. Steve McCarthy celebrated the 100th anniversary of Parks Canada at Gros Morne National Park.

Police Week in Clarenville



Winners of the "Police Officer for a Day" contest with Cst. Gine Wheeler.

During Police Week, Clarenville Detachment partnered with the Area Crime Prevention Committee. They hosted a "Police Officer for a Day" contest for Grades 4-6 students. This contest was open to all schools in the Clarenville Detachment area. Students were asked to design a poster which focused on police working with the community to keep the public safe. On June 14, 2011, the two winners wore red serge uniforms and spent the day with Cst. Gina Wheeler.

Police Week in Nain, Hopedale and Cartwright

RCMP employees in Nain gave a donation to the Jens Haven memorial scholarship fund. Employees raised \$830. during 2011 Police Week, holding various functions to raise the money.

RCMP employees in Hopedale celebrated Police Week during the week of May 17. The members provided tours of the building and then hosted a community BBQ. The local elementary children from the ACMS school attended along with other members of the community.

Also, RCMP members in Cartwright held a community BBQ. RCMP members and spouses partnered up with members of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and members of the Department of Natural Resources. They served up hotdogs, burgers and refreshments for the residents. The whole community came out to enjoy a great day.

DARE graduation in L'Anse au Loup

Cst. Josée Melanson held her first DARE graduation at Labrador Straits Academy, L'Anse au Loup, on May 9, 2011. Cst. Melanson completed the 10-week program with the Grade 5 students. They celebrated with cake and pizza. Cst. Melanson says, "The kids, teachers and parents really enjoyed this program."



Cst. Josée Melanson with her Grade 5 DARE graduation class at Labrador Straits Academy.

DARE graduation in Clarendville

Cst. Gina Wheeler held a DARE graduation for Grade 5 and 6 students at Swift Current Academy. District Commander Ren Osmond helped present the certificates. The DARE program teaches children to say no to drugs by building their self-esteem first, then giving them the knowledge and skills to refuse drugs/alcohol and resist violence.

Detachment Assistants in the Northern Peninsula District Recognized for Outstanding Work

On Feb. 9, 2011, S/Sgt. Trish MacCormack recognized the contributions of the five detachment assistants working in the Northern Peninsula District. A luncheon was held at the Plum Point Motel where the District Commander thanked each employee for their hard work and dedication, especially for their efforts in the recent PIRS clean-up, urgent transcribing requests for a Supreme Court trial, and for their overall commitment to providing outstanding service to their communities. Their depth of community knowledge cannot be overstated and is a critical link to policing in small rural communities. Each employee was presented with a framed cast paper Inukshuk by S/Sgt. MacCormack.

By S/Sgt. Trish MacCormack

Public Service Employees Recognized at Awards



PSE Lorraine Healey and A/Commr. Bill Smith.

During the May 27, 2011 awards presentation, three Public Service Employees were recognized. Union sisters Lorraine Healey, Michelle Fagan and Elaine Hillier

received the Commander's Commendations and Certificates of Appreciation. The award was given to recognize their work on the Atlantic Region Service Delivery Re-engineering Project. Healey was assigned to the project and tasked with the responsibility of developing an Atlantic Region PROS Information Management policy, as well as develop a four-day PROS Information Management Training Syllabus. The policy she developed met the original risk management objectives to ensure quality of investigations and supervision and the training course she developed has exceeded expectations in their professionalism and in the value they bring, in particular, to the district assistants. She has worked long hours and made personal sacrifices to meet tight time-lines. Michelle Fagan, Jacklyn Handrigan, Elaine Hillier, Civilian Member Judith Hapgood, and Sgt. Christina Brake were also assigned to this project. They have demonstrated commitment and outstanding service to the division during this time of change. Sue Kavanagh, union president, was proud to say, "On behalf of the Membership of USGE Local 90001, I extend congratulations to our union sisters and all recipients of this commendation."

RCMP donate over \$2,000 to Ronald McDonald House

In February 2011 the RCMP held their annual Annual Cst.'s Amey & Hoey Hockey Tournament in Gander. The annual hockey tournament is held to remember Amey and Hoey, two constables who were killed while on duty in Newfoundland and Labrador. The organizing committee decided that the remaining funds from the tournament be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in the amount of \$2,057.50. Each year the funds are donated to charities across Newfoundland and Labrador since the tournament started in 1967.

Annual RCMP Vic Lundrigan Softball Tournament raised over \$1,600!

The Annual RCMP Vic Lundrigan Softball Tournament was held in Gander during June. It was a great success again this year. The teams raised over \$1,600! The funds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. The following are the trophy recipients:

- Championship Game - Gander Team
- Most Valuable Player - Kevin Mortimer, Burin Baymen Team
- Most Sportsmanlike Player - Pat Gehue, HQ Survivors Team
- Most Spirited Team - Grand Falls Team
- Most Home Runs - Dion Foote, Burin Baymen Team
- Executive of the Year - Dennis Noseworthy

Next year the tournament will be held in Gander from June 8 - 9, 2012.

Raising Money, Fitness Awareness in Nain

During the course of Cst. Chris Noseworthy's two-year posting in Nain, he organized several fitness challenges which the members of the detachment and their spouses took part in. The goal was to encourage physical fitness and keep morale high, which was accomplished. A total of \$475. was raised by the participants through penalties for missing weekly goals. It was donated to Damien Barter, the physical education teacher at Jens Haven Memorial School, to be used for the physical education program.

Pee Wee Provincial Hockey Championships

The Pee Wee Provincial Hockey Championships was held in Happy Valley - Goose Bay in April 2011. Cst. Jade Kean and Cst. Trevor Wood took the time out their busy schedules to help out at the tournament and the opening ceremonies. There was a tremendous amount of positive feedback and emotion expressed by the people who attended. The Community of Happy Valley-Goose Bay appreciated the RCMP efforts to support the tournament and a positive impression was left with the four visiting teams from around the province.

Name the Puppy Winner

Congratulations to Rachel Tobin from Witless Bay. She is one of the national Name the Puppy contest winners. Rachel picked the name "Dief." Canada's national police force invited young people from coast-to-coast-to-coast to name 10 German shepherd puppies born at the Police Dog Service Training Centre (PDSTC)

in Innisfail, Alta. Winning names were chosen by the PDSTC staff. This contest provides a tremendous opportunity for Canadian children to take part in a police program that saves lives and protects their neighbourhood.



Sgt. Chris Gladney presents Rachel Tobin with her prize.

Safety Bear celebrates birthday in Happy Valley - Goose Bay

On June 12, 2011, the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Crime Prevention Committee in partnership with the RCMP hosted Safety Bear's annual birthday party. Thanks to local businesses, organizations and the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, this year's event brought the biggest crowd ever and was a huge success.

Crime Prevention and RCMP members along with their families barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, made popcorn, painted faces, made crafts, blew up helium balloons, operated a fish pond, bouncy castle and tracked speeds of softballs with a radar. Children who brought birthday cards for Safety Bear had their cards entered for a chance to win gift certificates to a local restaurant, and halfway through the party, three of those cards were chosen. Also at the end of the day, the names of eight lucky children were drawn for a scenic airplane ride on the RCMP's aircraft that is stationed in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL, which turned out to be a big hit.

Safety Bear's Birthday Party is a great example of how community and police can successfully work together in the community to promote community police relations.

"C" Division

Headquarters — Montreal, Quebec



Cognition for the Leaders of Project Condor

On May 20, Supt. Stéphane Bonin, Assistant CROPS Officer – Financial Integrity, presented certificates of appreciation to Sgt. Yvan Lapierre and Agent François Paquin of Correctional Service Canada for their exemplary work on Project Condor and the localisation and arrest of fugitives who have had their parole suspended without warrant. More than 300 arrests have been made since the team was created. The Condor project is supported by an investigator from the Criminal Investigation Section and by Véronique Gauthier, investigative assistant assigned to the project, who does research and analysis. The cooperation of investigators on recruitment and support services such as Special "I", Special "O" and the Emergency Response Team on several complex files is directly related to the success of Condor.

Sgt. Noël St. Hilaire,
printed from The Echoes, May-June 2011



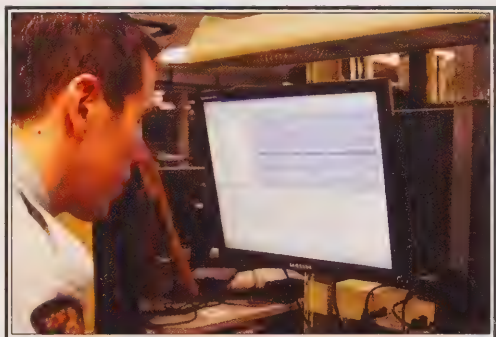
Assistant CROPS Officer – Financial Integrity, Supt. Stéphane Bonin presented certificates to Agent François Paquin of Correctional Service Canada and Sgt. Yvan Lapierre to highlight their excellent work on Condor.

Photo by Christel Pesant-Legault

Centurion

Created in April 2010, by the Montréal Federal Investigation Section, Project Centurion's goal is to combat the sale of counterfeit medication over the Internet.

The Project Centurion Team investigates proactively by patrolling the Internet, identifying potential counterfeiters and transmitting information to the appropriate investigative services.



A constable on the trail of the smallest indication that could lead to the trail of a counterfeiter.

Contrary to popular belief, there is demand for counterfeit medication in Canada. Consumers are prepared to be led astray by tempting offers from the sellers of medication of questionable integrity for a variety of reasons. But the risks of this type of product can not be ignored. Why? Counterfeiters violate laws regulating intellectual property, permit criminal networks to benefit and pose a threat to the personal information of individuals. These products are also a real danger to the health and safety of Canadians and threaten the financial integrity of the nation.

In order to respect their mandate, the team hopes to gather the most information possible about potential local, national and international counterfeiters of medication. We must have the

cooperation of as many partners as possible in order to maintain control of the prescription medication market in Canada and to combat counterfeit medications.

Do not hesitate to contact the team to report any suspicious event dealing with counterfeit medication at centurion@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

*The Project Centurion Team, with special collaboration by Félix Gélinas-Séguin, "C" Div,
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One Stone, Two Birds!

Organized crime and human trafficking were the order of the day last May for new trainees at the Gédéon-Ouimet Centre in Montréal. Although presentations before students are somewhat rare it was a good opportunity for Cpl. Jacques Thérberge, of the Drug and Organized Crime Awareness Service and Annie Robert, coordinator of human trafficking awareness for the Immigration and Passport Section, to unite efforts and make a joint presentation on their respective fields of expertise: him, organized crime and the risks associated with it, her, the dangers of recruiting for human trafficking. There were about 30 participants between the ages of 17 -20, mostly refugees living in Canada for about two years. All of them were susceptible to the subjects and in fact, the youths were very impressed by what they learned.

The definition of organized crime in Canada, the phenomenon of street gangs, human trafficking, methods of recruiting and the resulting violence and intimidation were just some to the subjects that were discussed. Not banal subjects! The young people really reacted during discussions about identity theft and recruitment over the Internet. The details of recruiting tactics for human trafficking and the resulting escalation were also very pertinent for these young people.

A Time for Partnership

The partnership between these two sections was fruitful. It was a great opportunity to inform people about two distinct subjects that are both of interest to the same public and have the same objective, namely to increase awareness. The alliance between these sections killed two birds with one stone and is a perfect

example of maximising our prevention and awareness efforts.

I think that everyone, including myself, really appreciated the experience of the joint presentation. So when's the next one?

By Natasha Karok,

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In addition to awareness of organized crime, the Drug and Organized Crime Awareness Service (DOCAS) has developed an expertise in areas such as drugs and emerging trends, prescription medication, the impact of drugs on the workplace, drugs and sports and children and drugs, to name just a few. The DOCAS's goal is to mobilise, support and instruct implicated parties who work with a clientele affected by addiction, be they educators, health and social workers, sporting or professional associations and police services. The DOCAS closely follows emerging trends on the street in order to be proactive in the identification of problems relating to drug consumption.

According to the US Department of Health and Human Service, human trafficking ranks second, along with the illegal firearms trade, as the second most important criminal industry at this point in time, right behind drug trafficking. It is the fastest growing industry. The goal of the awareness program is to make law enforcement personnel, government employees, NGOs and the public aware of the phenomenon and its seriousness. We should point out that human trafficking is not just an international phenomenon. There is also national (internal) trafficking that involves mostly Quebecois and Canadian girls and women. Local police forces must investigate human trafficking within Canada and provincial prosecutors must direct criminal proceedings.

One Policeman, Many Butterflies

Cst. Nikolay Toshkov of the Montreal Commercial Crime Section saw butterflies all winter long! In fact, he did better than that; he helped educate them, those little butterflies! Because not more than two blocks away from HQ is the Papillon (Butterfly) Day Care, an initiative of the Quebec Society for Disabled Children. It's a small school of just 70 children of which about 15 require the professional guidance of special educators at all times.

"This specialized day care encourages the maximum development of the handicapped or disadvantaged child in every aspect of their growth thanks to a specially designed educational program."¹



Cst. Nikolay Toshkov, from the Commercial Crime Section in Montreal, with a little girl.

And Nikolay in all that? He's a man with a passion. A former physical education teacher who has been able to combine the badge,

physical activity and community support... and come up with the Club des Amis d'Agent de Police (Police Friendship Club)² and 12 sessions of physical activity lasting 45 minutes each. On the menu are races encouraging psychomotricity, educational games, laughter and craziness! In fact, everything required to expend little living batteries that swarm, laugh and listen (as much as possible)! Nothing too complicated, these little games but I laughed out loud watching these kids oozing with pleasure while 'following' the rules! And yet, juggling the physical restrictions of one with the intellectual deficiencies of another must not be the easiest thing to handle!

And while these batteries lose just a bit of their juice during the sessions the adults, who are not included in the games are at least touched (I'm still trying to hide my disappointment at this injustice. Those blow up games are always a temptation!). And as for me and Julie Laflamme, cameras in hand, we were the designated photographers for Cst. Toshkov's ultimate event held on April 15. The tools of the trade brought out the brightest smiles, dimples and red cheeks and surely made the most timid ones run! We wanted to get some nice snapshots and we didn't have to



Some members of the Police Friendship Club, and Safety Bear, promoting physical activity in children and increasing awareness of the role of police in society.

Photos by Christel Pesant-Legault and Julie Laflamme

look too far (we did have to be quick on the button, though, since immobility is not part of the vocabulary of these little ones). The children were adorable. They were honest. They were curious. They were hungry to learn and thirsty to move, laugh and cry when the day was coming to a close! Children are sponges that you don't want to squeeze too much, always ready to absorb (sponge pockets might as well go back to the dressing room)! They are bundles of energy with a lifespan longer than an energy saver lightbulb! And while our cameras generated interest nothing could steal the limelight from the police officers who came out specially for the event, and in uniform, thank you escorted by none other than Safety Bear!

So, if one day you suddenly have the urge to be held in high esteem, disguise yourself (or dress yourself depending on your profession) in the blue uniform and say hello to a child (a fond memory for those grey days), a wide-eyed stare might just make your day! And let's not forget how the uniform makes those eyes light

up (and believe me, my experience tells me there is not a clown on earth that garners the same interest)!

And if blue isn't in your palette, just come up with an initiative like Nikolay Toshkov's. The reaction may be different but the results are just as gratifying! He enabled children to feel integrated, to respect the rules and the sporting spirit, all under the guise of having fun! And he overcame his challenge because every young participating butterfly, now a member of the Police Friendship Club, had only one goal, learn discipline so they could play better, damaged wings or not!

By Christel Pesant-Legault,

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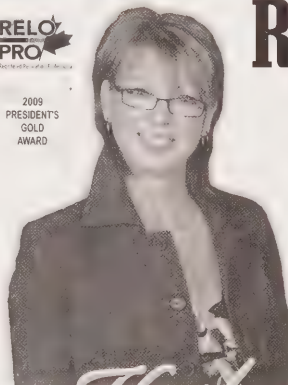
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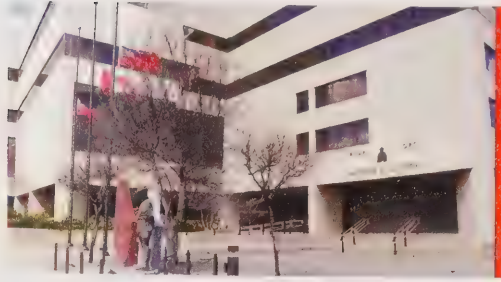
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RCMP Welcomes Aboriginal Community Constables

Three Manitoba communities have welcomed several recent graduates of the RCMP's first-ever troop of Aboriginal Community Constables (ACC), known as Troop 220.

The four Manitobans who completed their RCMP training in April were sworn in as peace officers at the RCMP Academy in Regina, marking an historic milestone for both the RCMP and Aboriginal communities.

A/Commr. Bill Robinson, "D" Div. RCMP Commanding Officer, was honoured to attend the graduation ceremony along with Grand Chief Ron Evans, of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, David Chartrand, president of the Manitoba Metis Federation, and Jerry Primrose, Chief of the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, as well as RCMP Commr. William Elliott and representatives from RCMP Aboriginal Policing Services.

Following graduation, the new special constables returned to their home communities in Manitoba to begin their new assignments at their local RCMP Detachments.

S/Cst. Lawrence Letander is now posted with Gypsumville Detachment, which serves his home community of Dauphin River First Nation along with Gypsumville, St. Martin, St. Martin Junction, Hilbre, and the First Nations of Dauphin River, Lake St. Martin, Little Saskatchewan, and Pinaymootang (Fairford).

S/Cst. Ryan Linklater has returned home as a member of the RCMP Detachment in Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, where he was the chief band constable for several years. Two special constables of Metis heritage are now posted with Thompson Detachment: S/Cst. Kyle Boisvert and S/Cst. Robert Cleveland.

An Aboriginal community constable is an armed, uniformed peace officer and full member of the RCMP at the rank of special constable. ACCs receive exactly the same use of force, firearms, driving and police defensive tactics training as regular cadets.

After graduation, ACCs must complete a six-month field training program working with an experienced field coach in the community before working on their own. ACCs will enhance, not replace, the work of general duty RCMP constables; they will have the capacity to provide tactical, enforcement and investigational support to other RCMP officers if required.

Their primary focus is to engage their communities in active crime prevention and reduction and to build positive relationships between their communities and the RCMP.

RCMP Members Host Afternoon Activities for Young Flood Evacuees in Winnipeg

On July 21, 2011, RCMP "D" Div. Contract and Aboriginal Policing members held a community event for youth staying at the Greenwood Inn who had been evacuated from their homes due to the flooding in Manitoba. CAP members coordinated craft activities and a game of basketball with the members to help 25 young people have fun and burn off some energy while staying far from home.

Event attendees were each given a basketball to keep courtesy of Basketball Manitoba. RCMP members also led youth through crafting a number of projects, including bracelets, homemade hackey-sacks and bead lizards.

The event was a great opportunity for the youth of the Lake St. Martin, Fairford, Little Saskatchewan and Dauphin River First



(L-R) First row: Avin Marsden-Beardy, Cpl. David Ogungbemi. Second row: Devin Beardy, Cpl. Lester Houle, Shaden Meeches, Cpl. Gabe Simard, Sgt. Alex Bear, Cst. Jennifer Warkentin, Sgt. Rob Lockhart, Zach Woodhouse, Rodney Narine, Cst. Izza Mian.

Nation communities to spend an afternoon with RCMP employees during their stay in Winnipeg, and a lot of fun for the RCMP members too.

"D" Div. marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The instances of elder abuse in Canada are sad and shocking and can range from neglect to physical, emotional and financial abuse. In 2009, more than 2,400 people in Canada over the age of 65 were victims of violent crime by a family member. It is projected that by 2016, the Canadian population of persons 65 years and older will increase by five per cent. As this segment of the population increases, so does the potential for incidents of elder abuse.

The RCMP is dedicated to the protection of all persons, and on June 15, 2011, over 150 older adults gathered at "D" Div. Headquarters for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Sgt. Robert Cooke of Community Policing Services in "D" Div. emceed the event.

"The abuse and neglect of our older adults in Manitoba, Canada and around the world needs to be brought to the forefront and solutions must be implemented," said Cooke. "The RCMP is constantly seeking out new ways to prevent elder abuse and to educate both older

adults and their friends and families on how to recognize the signs of mistreatment."

Currently, the RCMP has a variety of programs aimed at assisting elders, including the "D" Div. Police Academy – Older Adult Division and the Seniors Safety Guidebook, which is available on the RCMP website.



Cst. Jennifer Warkentin presents third Winnipeg Scout group leader Craig Mensforth with certificates of completion after his scout group successfully completed all four badges in the Police Partnership Badge Series, including their Seniors' Safety and Awareness Badge.

The day-long event featured entertainment, skits and a variety of speakers. In addition,

several Boy Scouts were on hand to receive their Seniors' Safety and Awareness Badges. These young people achieved this award by learning about seniors' safety and security, and by helping an older adult with household tasks.

A/Commr. Bill Robinson addressed the crowd as well.

"I truly believe that the protection and safety of all individuals requires a community effort," said Robinson. "While there are those in society who take advantage of older adults, there are many more who care deeply about protecting our respected elders."

By Holly Plato

RCMP Participate in Manitoba Law Enforcement Torch Run

On June 2, 2011, seven RCMP employees and family from "D" Div. and surrounding area joined the Manitoba Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) event in Winnipeg, Mb. The event route had two legs, passing through the streets of Winnipeg which converged on Portage and Main, raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics Manitoba. This was one of many events organized throughout the year enabling the law enforcement community in Manitoba to raise in excess of \$140,000.

in 2010/2011. The money raised enhances the lives of Manitobans, with an intellectual disability, through participation in sport.

By Insp. Mark van Schie

Igbofest 2011



(L-R): Sgt. Rob Lockhart, Titi Tijani, president of the Nigerian Association of Manitoba, Cpl. David Ogungbemi.

Cpl. David Ogungbemi and Sgt. Rob Lockhart of "D" Div. Contract and Aboriginal Policing (CAP) attended R.B. Russell School in Winnipeg for the Umuna (Igbo) Cultural Association of Manitoba (Igbofest



(L-R) First row: Special Olympics athlete Jamie Yeo, Sgt. Lindy Yeo. Second row: Insp. Mark van Schie, Kelly Yeo, CM Suzanne Pilbeam, PSE Wanda Stewart-Want, S/Sgt. Dana Worsnop, CM Randi Hunter.

2011) to participate in their cultural event in red serge and joined them in their cultural dance. Approximately 300 people were in attendance, including youth, invited guests and other dignitaries. Cst. Izza Mian of "D" Div. Recruiting Services attended with recruiting and other RCMP material for an information booth, while Sgt. Rob Lockhart brought greetings on behalf of A/Commr. Bill Robinson.

RCMP Members attend Muslim Community Picnic

Cpl. David Ogungbemi along with Cst. Izza Mian of "D" Div. Recruiting Services, Cst. Laurie Peddle and S/Sgt. Rick Edwards (Rtd.) of National Security Enforcement Section attended a Muslim Community Picnic held at Assiniboine Park on July 10, 2011. The picnic was hosted by the Islamic Social Services Association (ISSA) along with nine other Muslim organizations and offered our members the opportunity to meet with the 400-500 youth and adults in attendance. Members were able to take part in some of the sports games as well as provide recruiting information.

"D" Div. Youth Advisory Committee Members visit "Depot"

Members of the "D" Div. Commanding Officer's Youth Advisory Committee on Cultural Diversity had the opportunity to attend "Depot" from June 16-18, 2011. Advisory Committee members Anisa Isse, Rodney Narine, and Yanisa Wu, accompanied by Contract and Aboriginal Policing's Sgt. Robert Cooke, Cpl. David Ogungbemi and youth initiatives coordinator Joelle Abgrall, took in the rich history of "Depot" and experienced some of the training techniques used in educating new cadets.

The trip was arranged to help enhance the committee's knowledge of RCMP culture and training, and to encourage open dialogue towards the recruitment of members of various communities into policing roles within the RCMP.

The three committee members had a chance to experience "a day in the life of a cadet," and gained a better understanding of what is involved in becoming a regular member. The firearms simulator was very popular, as were the visits to Buffalo Detachment and Scenario Training Village and the RCMP Heritage Centre.

Committee member Yanisa Wu said, "Being a part of the RCMP "D" Div. Commanding Officer's Youth Advisory Committee on Cultural Diversity, we didn't know what we were getting ourselves into when we accepted the offer of visiting RCMP "Depot" in Regina. After several months of planning, discussing and waiting, we were very excited as we were guided through "Depot" in June. The most thrilling part of the tour was visiting the shooting range where we were able to see and hear the cadets training!

Seeing the Chapel was a beautiful experience with the stained glass windows. We also had a chance to catch the Sergeant Major's Parade, which we did not take our eyes off for the entire 35 minutes! Finally we visited the RCMP Heritage Centre which helped answer a lot of questions. It was enlightening to see the history of the RCMP with the different artifacts and accomplishments throughout the years.



(L-R): Rodney Narine, Anisa Isse, Yanisa Wu.

This trip was definitely one that will never be forgotten as we all learned about the RCMP, a group of amazing and brave officers protecting our country! Thank you to Joelle, Robert and Dave for bringing us on this trip that we will always remember."

Formed in October, 2010 and coordinated through Contract and Aboriginal Policing, the "D" Div. Youth Advisory Committee meets to discuss topics that vary from police perception to history of the RCMP, and RCMP members attend events in their respective communities. This fall the group looks forward to participating in other activities such as the Police Observer Program and providing input on RCMP programs and presentations from a youth perspective.

By Joelle Abgrall

Lynn Lake and Leaf Rapids Sport Safety Event

The northern detachments of Lynn Lake and Leaf Rapids recently held a sport safety event on June 23, 2011 for local youth. Working with Frontier School Division, MPI, and Health Canada, the detachments delivered presentations on bicycle safety and proper hand signals, as well as fitting bicycle helmets. Several obstacle courses were set up so the youth could practice these skills, after which their names were entered in a draw. Fifty bike helmets provided by the Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council (MASRC) and delivered through "D" Div. Air Services were distributed to the young attendees. Health Canada provided several lifejackets for the youth, as well as a new bicycle for the grand prize draw.

By Cst. Akira Currier

First RCMP Youth Academy in Norway House a Success

The Norway House RCMP Detachment proudly completed their first ever RCMP Youth Academy on July 9, 2011, giving local area youth a firsthand experience and understanding of the training involved to become a police officer. A total of 22 young Norway House residents,

aged 15-18, participated in the six-day Youth Academy held at the Helen Betty Osborne School in Norway House, Mb.

The RCMP Youth Academy familiarized youth with the roles of a police officer as well as exposed cadets to some of the training, procedures and technology used by police officers. The academy was designed to give local youth the opportunity to learn respect for the law by providing them with positive interactions during their attendance at the academy and to motivate young people to be outstanding citizens through law enforcement education.

The academy also focused much of their efforts on improving self-esteem, discipline, self-confidence and respect for fellow attendees as well as law enforcement. It also encouraged our young citizens to be partners in building safer schools and communities. The cadets, as leaders of tomorrow, were instilled with an appreciation and newfound respect for law enforcers and their role in society.

Scenario training, crime scene procedures and mock court were just a few areas of law enforcement cadets became familiar with through the week. The six days of training concluded on a Saturday night with an official graduation and badge presentation ceremony. Feedback from the youth participants was extremely positive.



Norway House youth cadets at their graduation ceremony.



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A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT, along with \$100 donated by the *Quarterly* magazine, is given to the cadet in each troop with the highest combined score for the mid-term and final exams in Applied Police Sciences.

As part of this new initiative, all cadets in the troop also receive a copy of the latest issue of *the Quarterly*, along with a free one-year subscription when they apply.

Awards are made to each troop, however troop numbers do not necessarily run consecutively as some numbers are not used.

A full list of winners was first published in the Summer 2009 edition and continued with each edition of *the Quarterly*.

Lee, Teresa, Reg. No. 58202, Troop 1
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Read, Christopher, Reg. No. 58262, Troop 3
Conn, Nelson, Reg. No. 58276, Troop 5
Winslow, Richard, Reg. No. 58333, Troop 6
Klein, Christina, Reg. No. 58349, Troop 7
Gosselin, Luc, Reg. No. 58375, Troop 8
Adams, Jean-Francois, Reg. No. 58433, Troop 10
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Vetter, Jeremy, Reg. No. 58526, Troop 12
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Walker, Lewis, Reg. No. 59539, Troop 16
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Simpson, Jody, Reg. No. 59623, Troop 20
Fixen, Clay, Reg. No. 59638, Troop 22
Auld, Justin, Reg. No. 59627, Troop 22

"Depot" Division Graduates



Troop 16 (2010/11) began training January 12, 2011 and graduated July 4, 2011.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. D. Chernoff, Cpl. J. Hodgson, Insp. G. Gourlay, A/Commr. R.L. Brown, Supt. L. Lafrance, S/M F. Desfossés, Cpl. P. Hermann, Cpl. W. Jackson. First row: C. Foote, C. Vanderveen, D. Martens, J. McNickle, J. Kurish, P. Duff, J. Savill, V. Bessette, E. Clements, A. Gallagher. Second row: T. Rabie, L. Walker, M. Bevin, M. Coffin, N. McCulloch, R. Gagnon, T. Benoit, R. Skeans, J. Smith. Third row: A. Blackburn, A. Macmillan, J. Barton, M. Jacobs, J. Mackinnon, M.A. Lapointe, J. O'Hearn, M. Gaspar, C. Lussier, D. Ferri.



Troop 17 (2010/11) began training January 26, 2011 and graduated July 18, 2011.

(L-R) Seated: S/Sgt. M. Martel, Cpl. C. Jones, S/M F. Desfossés, A/Commr. R.L. Brown, Insp. J. Keeping, Cpl. G. Patey, Cpl. MacKinnon. First row: A. Mandair, D. Wiseman, K. Baglole, S. Laurie, M. Hebert, I. Hastie, D. Campbell, D. Black, D. Watt, M. Doucette. Second row: C. Marshall, N. Clarke, J. Yamashita, Y. Dupuis, S. Wong, N. Yaxley, A. Moulatsiotis, M. Lévesque, A. MacKinnon, L. Drouin. Third row: P.H. Lortie, E. Therrien, M. McCoy, D. Izgrecan, C. Joyce, K. Kohalmi, J. Richardson, J. Huddle, K. Morneau, E. Gohn.

"Depot" Division Graduates



Troop 19 (2010/11) began training February 23, 2011 and graduated August 2, 2011.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. A. Graham, Cpl. S. Chiddenton, Supt. Louise Lafrance, A/Commr. R.L. Brown, S/M F. Desfossés, Cpl. J. Robertson, Cpl. R. Davies. First row: M. Larsen, J. Mundle, S. Leblanc, C. Thibault, T. Baldwin, W. Sundstrom, C. Beaver, L. Reid, D. Lacroix, K. Sansom. Second row: V. Marquis, J. Sterling, A. Stokell, H. Peddle, M. Borges, L. Hoffman, K. Young, S. Gau, J. Towns. Third row: M. Barnes, G. Macfadyen, M. Rattray, A. l'Anson, F. McLaughlan, N. Strohm, G. Marshall, J. Rasmussen.



Troop 20 (2010/11) began training February 23, 2011 and graduated August 15, 2011.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. W. Chughtai, Cst. L. Taylor, SSO Gerry Gourlay, Supt. Louise Lafrance, S/M F. Desfossés, Cpl. P. Hermann, Cpl. N. Sharma. First row: K. Corrin, S. Lawton, A. VanLeeuwen, C. McKenna, M. Kelpin, T. Aubé, V. Methven. Second row: A. Foster, S. Padilla-Thornton, J. Butt, L. Lichty, L. Kokkola, D. Hallmark, J. Good, M. Baines. Third row: M. Kornelson, L. Jackman, D. Ivanov, K. Hrynyk, O. Justason, T. Collins, D. Kittle. Fourth row: L. Aimoe, B. Aldie, D. Lachapelle, B. Pearce, J. McEwen, T. Horton, J. Zwambag, J. Simpson.

"Depot" Division Graduates



Troop 22 (2010/11) began training March 9, 2011 and graduated August 29, 2011.

(L-R) Seated: Cst. M. Bourque, Cpl. R. Robertson, Insp. Gerry Gourlay, Supt. Louise Lafrance, S/M F. Desfossés, Cpl. A. Searle. First row: M. Anzulovich, A. Trudeau, R. Dore, C. Doucet, M. McChesney, C. Valade, E. Doucette, A. Semeniuk, C. Landry. Second row: M. Potvin, A. Stafford, G. Dove, T. Shaw, S. Braid, C. Irwin, C. Sanchez, P. Savaria. Third row: J. Auld, D. Firth, M. Easler, T. Richard, M. Den Haan, R. Huggins, T. Eresman, R. Heim, C. Fixsen.



Troop 24 (2010/11) began training March 29, 2011 and graduated September 19, 2011.

(L-R) Seated: Cpl. J. McLean-Cutler, Cpl. S. Chiddenton, SSO Gerry Gourlay, A/Commr. R.L. Brown, Supt. L. Lafrance, S/M F. Desfossés, Cpl. M. Coulibaly, Cpl. S. Janke. First row: B. Avis, D. Brissard, M. Romeiro, H. Dux, M. Crousset, Y. Yasin, K. Link, S. Ball, C. Thibodeau. Second row: O. Marquez, S. Atwal, K. Erickson, K. Klim, T. Edelman, N. Rolfsen, J. Pocock, M. Breckenridge, P. Edwards, M. Olyngl. Third row: R. Mah, J. Klassen, K. Bernier, M. Doyle, A. Butts, T. Dunderdale, N. Ghorbel, B. Morris, R. Carr.

University Graduate



Insp. Shelly Dupont, O.2936, graduated from York University's Osgoode Hall Law School with a Master of Laws (LLM) on June 10, 2011, in Toronto, Ont. Insp. Dupont is the Officer in Charge of Crime Prevention and Youth Services at NHQ.



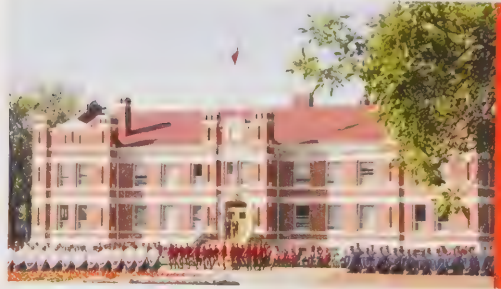
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Marriages

Cpl. Heather McLean, Reg. No. 46181, of "Depot" Div., married Cst. Keith Bennett, Reg. No. 56803, of "K" Div., Lac La Biche, on July 9, 2011 at "Depot" Division's chapel.



Cpl. Heather McLean and Cst. Keith Bennett wed in July 2011 at "Depot."

"Depot" Undergoes Renovations

After getting approval from the federal government in 2006, "Depot" Div. began to see its aging infrastructures get some much needed upgrades. The five-year project includes a new site drainage, renovations to the existing drill hall, expansion of the fitness gymnasium, construction of a new division mess hall, as well as construction of new co-ed dormitories. These and other renovations began in summer 2009 and are expected to be completed by 2013.

By Dauminique Napier



Fire Hydrant – Ten painted "Mounties" like this one can be found adorning the Depot landscape, bringing smiles to the faces of both staff and visitors. The project - the brainchild of A/Commr. Roger L. Brown, Commanding Officer of "Depot" Division - is a "Health and Wellness" initiative falling under the Sustainable Operations Framework headed by Sgt. Carol Peabody. "There's nothing like a smile to make people feel good, and in that respect, the project has been very successful," said Peabody, who is also the artist behind the creations.

Photo by Christine Ross



Fort Dufferin – Scheduled to be completed by Fall 2011, this co-ed dormitory will house up to seven troops and will serve as the division’s main reception hall as well as house the Security and Access Control Centre (guardroom).

Photo by Chrystal Kruszelnicki



Annex – The “Pile O’ Bones” building, formerly known as the “Annex,” was moved from its original location approximately 300 metres to the west. Its original use was as classrooms. The floor plan has been adjusted and props installed to prepare it for its new role in scenarios. The space will be used to enact situations that cadets will encounter once they have been deployed to the field. The Pile O’ Bones building will be put into the Cadet Training Program by the end of August 2011. (Information provided by Ian Kydd, Project Program Manager)

Photo by Martin Castle



Essential Energy Centre – The new power generating station underwent a few performance tests in July and August and should be fully operational by the end of August.

Photo by Chrystal Kruszelnicki

The Little House That Could

On June 17, 2011, "Depot" Div. members, cadets and employees, and Habitat for Humanity Regina changed forever the lives of three people. On that day, Giselle Hurlburt and her two children, Jeremy and Adia, were given hope for a brighter future along with keys to a new home.

At the "Mountie House Key Ceremony," Giselle, Jeremy and Adia received a red serge welcome as Mounties lined the pathway to their North Central Regina house. As the family made their way up to the outside porch, they were greeted by various organizations and government representatives, including A/Commr. Roger L. Brown, Commanding Officer of "Depot" Div., who presented Giselle with the coveted keys.

"Mountie House brings us so much hope for the future...and we are forever grateful for this," a tearful Giselle said after receiving the keys.

For the new homeowner, the project's completion symbolizes the beginning of a wonderful adventure made possible through the collaborative efforts of Habitat for Humanity Regina and hundreds of RCMP

members, staff and volunteers, who not only helped raise the money needed to build the house, but also provided the necessary strength and skills to put it together.

The project began on November 20, 2010, and for two days, close to 500 dedicated people, including RCMP Commr. William J.S. Elliott and CBC's Rick Mercer, braved temperatures of -30 degrees Celcius to erect the foundation of the house. Seven months later, everyone's dream to see a family get a new house became a reality.

"Mountie House is a concrete example of how one can shape a community through an exceptional partnership with a respected, well-known organization such as Habitat for Humanity Regina," said A/Commr. Roger L. Brown at the ceremony.

The Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity Regina, Dennis Coutts, added that "A/Commr. and Commanding Officer Roger Brown has done a remarkable job in engaging cadets, members and staff to volunteer in the building of this home. To turn this home to Giselle and her family is a most rewarding experience, and we are enormously proud to be partners with our finest."



There is no place like home! A/Commr. Roger L. Brown, Commanding Officer of "Depot" Div., the Honourable June Draude, Minister of Social Services, Giselle Hurlburt, the Honourable Laura Ross, Minister of Government Services, Depot's mascot, Suzanna, a golden retriever given to the division by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Jeremy Hurlburt and Adia Hurlburt, are all smiles for the cameras in the living room of the first Mountie House in Western Canada.

Photo by Letisha Sherry, RCMP

The Regina Mountie House is the first of its kind in Western Canada, but it has a sibling in Ottawa, a similar house built in 2005. For more information on Mountie House, or to make a donation, please visit www.mountiehouse.ca.

By Dauminique Napier

New Addition to RCMP Collection

"In my lonely log cabin..."

...So began the many reports of the fictitious RCMP Sgt. Renfrew. Usually what followed was an outlandish pursuit of the criminal in question. Renfrew always got his man – typically due to the criminal's own incompetence as much as Renfrew's police skills.

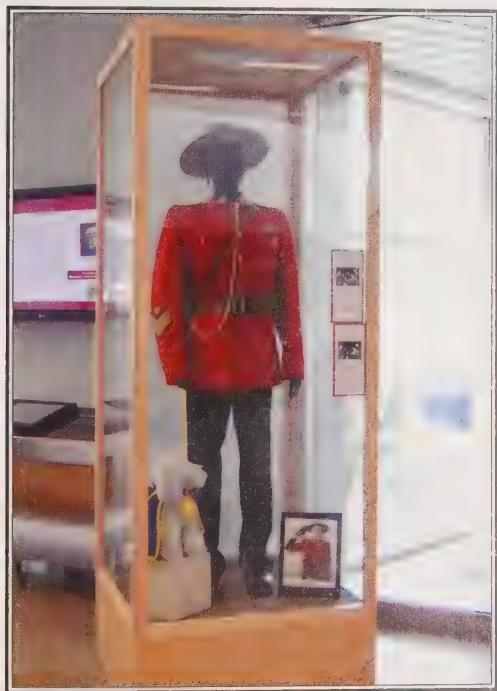
The RCMP Historical Collections Unit (HCU) is proud to announce that Sgt. Renfrew,

or at least his uniform, has returned home to join his faithful sidekick, his dog, Cpl. Cuddles. Our thanks must go out to the man who brought Sgt. Renfrew to life, Canadian comedian Dave Broadfoot and his wife Diane Simard Broadfoot, who have donated Renfrew's uniform to HCU.

Dave Broadfoot was born in North Vancouver, BC, on Dec. 5, 1925. He left school in 1943 and enlisted in the Merchant Navy. He achieved the status of marine engineer before leaving the Merchant Navy in 1947 to go into the clothing business in Vancouver. But it was not long before he was bit by the acting bug. At 21, Broadfoot joined the North Vancouver Community Players and, as they say, "a star was born." Enthralled with comedy, he soon realized that he could make it into something more than simply a hobby. In 1952, Broadfoot performed

for the first time as a professional comedian and by 1955, he appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. By 1973, he began his career with the Royal Canadian Air Farce on radio and television.

Broadfoot's character, Sgt. Renfrew made his first appearance in 1956 and it wasn't long before Renfrew found himself in front of his commanding officer being mysteriously addressed as "corporal." In 1977, Commr. Simmons himself took the situation in hand after Cpl. Renfrew appeared at RCMP Headquarters in Ottawa. "Men," Simmons is reported to have said. "We don't have to take this crap from a corporal. From now on it's — Sgt. Renfrew."



Even though he is inadvertently knocked unconscious at some point during the chase, Renfrew is always rescued by his four-legged friend, the faithful Cpl. Cuddles. Together, they continued to solve innumerable cases, and Sgt. Renfrew enjoyed a long and illustrious career.

Sgt. Renfrew has made many appearances at RCMP conventions and events, always to hilarious effect. His popularity remained high with the Force and helped to insure his continued promotion up the honorary ranks from Sergeant to Sergeant Major.

Dave Broadfoot has been equally recognized for his contributions to radio, television and

theatre. Having performed in countless tours across Canada, he has also taken his comedy to Canada's Armed Forces in Korea, Gaza, Suez, the Golan Heights, Cyprus, Germany, Croatia, Bosnia and Afghanistan.

Over the course of his career, he has received numerous ACTRA and Juno Awards, the Governor General's Performing Arts Award, was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal, holds three honorary doctorates, and was inducted as an Officer in the Order of Canada in June 1983.

The HCU is honored to accept Renfrew's uniform and will be displaying it, along with Cpl. Cuddles, at the RCMP Heritage Centre through the summer months. We hope you will have the chance to come out to meet these two illustrious Mounties.

*By Jodi Ann Eskritt,
Curator, RCMP Historical Collections Unit*

Spring Cleaning at "Depot"

On April 30, 2011, "Depot" Div. organized a spring cleaning of the core area of the base. All the parties involved were immensely pleased with the outcome. In total, there were about 200 participants including cadets, regular members, management, and works and grounds units. Even the Correctional Services Canada troop that was in training at the time decided to help out.

The main idea behind the clean-up was to inspire a sense of ownership within the cadets so once they start working in their detachments they will take pride to maintain it. This great team event also proved how much can be done when forces are joined.

"Depot" is planning on organizing another proactive clean-up this the fall, once the leaves have fallen. Another great outcome is expected from this event.

By Cécile Kayijuka

Sirens for Life: "Roll up your sleeves to win challenge"

The Canadian Blood Services (CBS) and "Depot" Div. teamed up this year for the *Sirens for Life* blood drive, a blood donor challenge pitting first responders from Regina against their counterparts in Saskatoon.

From June 29 until July 30, volunteers from the Regina's fire department, police services,

RCMP and EMS rolled up their sleeves to win and together, combined for 160 donations, more than doubling Saskatoon's 72 donations.

Sirens for Life is one of the many yearly blood drive events organized by CBS and it consists of a friendly competition between two cities' first responders, emergency personnel and their families. Last year, the title of blood donor champion was won by Saskatoon.

Congratulations and thanks to all who donated!

By Curtis Davis and David Calam

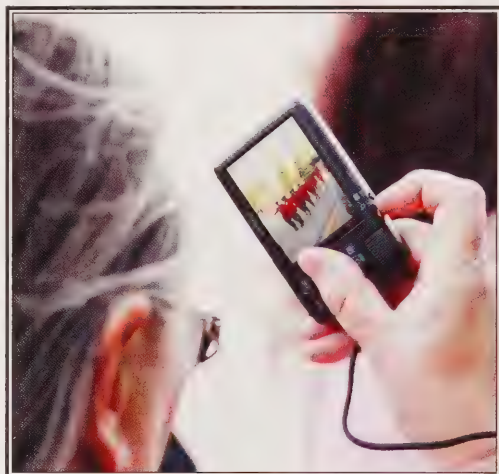
Did you know? One auto collision or gunshot wound could require up to 50 units of blood, that is, 50 people coming in to make their lifesaving donation.

Sunset Retreat Ceremony: Another Successful Year

Each summer, hundreds of visitors from around the world come to the RCMP "Depot" Div. for one of the most enduring tourist attractions in Regina - the "Sunset-Retreat Ceremony." This year was no exception, with the seasonal event's kick-off taking place on Canada Day with Saskatchewan's Lieutenant Governor Dr. Gordon Barnhart present.

With its choreographed displays of red tunics, ruffles and cannon firing, cavalry dismount drills, and the ceremonial musical performed by "Depot" and local pipes and drums bands, it is no wonder that the Sunset-Retreat Ceremony has been voted one of the top 100 tourist attractions in North America by the "American Bus Association."

By Dauminique Napier



A woman captures cadets performing the dismounted cavalry drill on her iPhone.

Photo by Kevin Dowler



The troop and cadet band make their grand entrance onto Sleigh Square, giving spectators a colourful presentation of the famous tattoo.

Photo by Letisha Sherry



A young visitor gets up close and personal to one of the three horses available for photos at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Photo by Kevin Dowler



Happiness is...a plush toy by the name of Sgt. Bullmoose! Under the watchful eye of Suzanna, the division's mascot, A/Commr. Roger L. Brown, Commanding Officer of "Depot" Division, receives a surprise hug from the winner of the plush toy, one of which is given out at every Sunset-Retreat Ceremony.

Photo by Letisha Sherry



Safety Bear makes new friends – Popular mascot, Safety Bear, gets a cuddle from two Japanese exchange students during the Sunset-Retreat Ceremony held on Canada Day 2011.

Photo by Kevin Dowler



A child is all smiles as she gets a cuddle from Safety Bear during the Sunset-Retreat Ceremony.

Photo by Christine Ross



Cadets from Troop 3 were on hand to welcome visitors, answer questions, pose for pictures and distribute colouring books and stickers to the younger crowd.

Photo by Christine Ross

"E" Division

Headquarters — Vancouver,
British Columbia



Richmond Members Honoured for Saving Suicidal Man

In July 2010, RCMP Cst. Vanessa Christopherson was on duty at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) ensuring the safety and security of those traveling. Little did she know that she would play a crucial role in saving a life that day. Cst. Christopherson was dispatched to the Arthur Liang Bridge for a report of a suicidal person. The Arthur Liang Bridge connects Richmond to Vancouver and is a main thoroughfare for traffic destined for the airport.

When Cst. Christopherson arrived on scene she located a very distraught man sitting precariously on the edge of the bridge, hovering over the Fraser River below, ready to jump. Arriving on scene moments later was veteran officer Sgt. Dennis Wilson, Operations NCO at YVR. With traffic shut down at both ends of the bridge, Christopherson and Wilson made their way onto the bridge deck toward the distraught man. The man quickly distanced himself from the officers and warned them that he was about to jump. The officers spent almost an hour talking to the man, building rapport and earning his trust, but were keenly aware that the man could jump at any moment.

The Coast Guard was contacted and took position beneath the bridge in the event the man jumped. The Lower Mainland Crisis Negotiators were also contacted and asked to attend. However the negotiator was coming from North Vancouver, almost an hour away.

Christopherson and Wilson continued their dialogue with the man and at one point Wilson tossed the man a cigarette as a gesture of goodwill. As the man became distracted with trying to light his cigarette in the wind, Wilson quickly moved in and subdued the man without injury. Without resistance, the

man was placed into the care of awaiting paramedics, who provided the man with the help he required. The next day, the man phoned Richmond RCMP to say thanks.

It was the pair's quick thinking, teamwork and communication that earned them praise from their colleagues at the Richmond Chamber of Commerce 911 Awards held on April 27, 2011, at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond, winning the award for Police Team, Officer or Auxiliary Member of the Year.

Also nominated for the award were the RCMP Drug Target Team, Cst. Daryl Morrison and Cst. Wilson Yung, Cpl. James Lunny, RCMP Bike Section, Cst. Tracey Chui, Cpl. Dustine Rodier, Cpl. Paul Hayes, as well as Cst. Ed Bastien, Cst. Thomas Boyce, Cst. Adam Carmichael and Cst. Andrew Whiteway. S/Sgt. Ken Ackles was also honored that night, earning the Community Safety Career Achievement Award.



Cst. Vanessa Christopherson and Sgt. Dennis Wilson win Police Team of the Year.

Kelowna RCMP Officer receives Governor General's Order of Merit of the Police Forces

The Kelowna RCMP is proud to announce that one of our members has been awarded the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, on June 8, 2011, at Rideau Hall by the Governor-General of Canada. S/Sgt. Terry McLachlan is one of 44 new police officers to receive this Order of Merit, which honours a career of exceptional service and distinctive merit displayed by the men and women of Canadian police forces, and recognizes their commitment to this country. The primary focus is on exceptional merit, contributions to policing and community development.

"S/Sgt. McLachlan exemplifies every aspect of what it takes to earn this honor. His commitment and his devotion to youth throughout his career has resulted in positive outcomes for so many kids, it's truly remarkable," says Kelowna's Police Chief, Supt. Bill McKinnon.

S/Sgt. McLachlan has always understood the value and rewards of spending time with youth in order to help them grow as individuals and overcome personal challenges. Even a demanding career and workload has not prevented S/Sgt. McLachlan from proving his commitment to youth. S/Sgt. McLachlan has volunteered his time coaching high school football in Mission, BC, assisting under-resourced teachers in the Gulf Islands, and chaperoned school trips; all on his own time. Terry also established a "Police at Local Schools Program" (P.A.L.S.) where he would also spend time during his shift with the local youth when they were on recess or lunch break.

Since transferring to Kelowna Detachment 11 years ago, S/Sgt. McLachlan has been involved in several youth-oriented volunteer initiatives. Terry has volunteered his time with coaching local youth baseball, basketball and time with Scouts Canada. While posted to Kelowna Detachment, Terry has worked a variety of units, demanding strong time and work commitment ethics which have included: General Duty, Special Projects Unit, Drug Section, Property Crime Unit, Community Policing, and the South East District Emergency Response Team.

S/Sgt. McLachlan has also volunteered his time and energy towards the Kelowna RCMP

Detachment's efforts to raise money for the BC Special Olympics. "The sense of equilibrium employed by Terry is commendable for commitment to his job with the RCMP, as well as spending time with the youth in this community, who not only trust and adore him but depend on his friendship," added Supt. Bill McKinnon.

During his 24 years of service, S/Sgt. McLachlan has devoted his time, energy, and efforts to altruistic endeavors, making time for the youth in all of the communities he has served. His involvement with youth has put him in a position to connect with them, which is evidenced by the youth that approach him without hesitation on many occasions to discuss the challenges or hardships in their lives.

"Terry gives of his time freely. He is passionate and dedicated to his cause. He has established himself as a go to person for youth contemplating a career in law enforcement and has been able to steer them towards preparing themselves physically and mentally for the rigors of the job. I am very proud of S/Sgt. McLachlan for all that he has achieved and for everything he stands for," said Supt. McKinnon.

By Cst. Steve Holmes



S/Sgt. Terry McLachlan receives Order of Merit of the Police Forces from Governor General David Johnston.

North Vancouver RCMP Award of Distinction

The North Vancouver annual "Take a Police Officer to Lunch Barbeque" was held June 8, 2011, in front of the North Vancouver Detachment. In appreciation for the efforts of their local law enforcement personnel the North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

provided lunch to more than 200 guests. For the local business and general community, it was their way of saying thank you for keeping North Vancouver a safe place to live and work.



Phil Yong, Sue Sanford, Gary Johal and Gary Sidhu were the four members honoured with an RCMP Award of Distinction at the North Vancouver Detachment for exemplary conduct.



This public setting was a fitting opportunity for Supt. Tonia Enger, OIC of the North Vancouver Detachment, to present the RCMP Award of Distinction to four members of the detachment. They were acknowledged for their exemplary conduct, leadership, mentorship, commitment and flexibility in their various roles in the community. From working with First Nations Groups, Youth, Community Policing Programs or fellow officers, all were acknowledged for keeping with the finest traditions of the RCMP.

By Cpl. Richard De Jong



RCMP Thank Local Boy for Bravery

On June 17, 2011, Supt. Claude Wilcott, Officer in Charge of Coquitlam RCMP, along with staff from the local Victim Services program, made a special visit to Westwood Elementary School's year end assembly to honour 10-year-old Josh Pobran in front of his family, teachers and peers.



Barbara Moulson with Josh Pobran, 10, who helped her contact the Coquitlam RCMP and BC Ambulance Service after she was assaulted and mugged outside of his elementary school.

"Josh exhibited courage in the face of great adversity and turmoil," said Supt. Claude Wilcott, reading from the Officer in Charge Commendation awarded to Josh. "He demonstrated the best attributes and characteristics of an exemplary citizen and assisted a distraught elderly person in our community."

It started in May when a well-publicized string of violent, unprovoked robberies across the Lower Mainland had the police and the

general public on edge. Everyone was eager to find the attackers and get them off the streets.

The first attack in Coquitlam RCMP's jurisdiction happened on May 5, 2011, just outside Westwood Elementary School on Hastings Street and Patricia Avenue in Port Coquitlam. The victim of that attack, Barbara Moulson, was assaulted and her purse stolen. After her attacker had taken off, an injured Mrs. Moulson tried to get help at two houses but no one was home. She then went to Westwood Elementary. And that is where she met Josh. When the Grade 5 student first saw the shaken, injured and bleeding Mrs. Moulson he calmly said, "You look like you could use some help", and lead Mrs. Moulson to the school's administration office. School staff immediately contacted the Coquitlam RCMP and BC Ambulance Service.

"This commendation is the least my team and I can do to show our appreciation for Josh," said Supt. Wilcott after the presentation. "He's an exceptional kid and his family and friends should be really proud of how he rose to the occasion, kept his cool and made a real difference for someone in distress."

Mrs. Moulson has since recovered from her injuries but she has not forgotten Josh and how much his maturity and bravery meant to her that day.

By Danielle Marchand

A Life Nearly Lost

In November 2008, Elise To felt that a dream vacation to Greece and a cruise around the Mediterranean Sea would be the best way to celebrate the love she shared with her husband Kit. Elise To, an investigative analyst working with the RCMP Federal Integrated Market Enforcement Team (IMET) in Vancouver has been a dedicated civilian member since 2005. Unfortunately, on their first day in Athens, Greece, the unthinkable happened.

Elise and Kit finished lunch on a beautiful sunny day and decided to take a walk. To their surprise, Elise was approached by a rapidly moving wild dog that lunged at her. In her defense, she tried to push the dog away but the force was too strong. Elise lost her balance and fell to the ground where she knocked her head on a set of stone steps, suffering a catastrophic skull fracture and brain injury.

Kit frantically called for help. It took about 20 minutes for the police to arrive and afterward they still had to call an ambulance. On the way to the hospital, the ambulance got stuck in a 45-minute traffic jam. By the time they arrived at the hospital, it had been nearly two hours since Elise hit her head. She lost a significant amount of blood and oxygen to her brain. She was completely comatose.

The neurosurgeon who performed Elise's first brain surgery had done his schooling at Harvard University and could speak English, so this helped in communicating with Elise's husband and family. The doctor was able to successfully remove the blood clots from Elise's brain but sadly told her husband that she would likely not survive. At this time, Kit called her family and her then boss, Insp. George Pemberton, Officer in Charge of IMET Vancouver, to tell them the heartbreaking news. They all flew to Athens to say their goodbyes.

To the doctor's surprise, however, Elise's condition stabilized – though she remained comatose. She underwent further surgeries and procedures and remained in intensive care. Her family remained in Athens at their own expense.

Elise had tremendous support by her bedside and abroad. Not only did her family fly in to be by her side but her Anglican Church set up a 72-hour prayer chain across the Anglican community when they first received the news. The B.C. Securities Commission wrote her family a letter showing their support and sent their well wishes to help them get through the trauma. Her colleagues from IMET wrote her several notes to keep her inspired and help her through the fight.

Elise remained in Athens' hospital in the intensive care unit (ICU) for about a month and a half. As her condition improved, doctors looked for any opportunity to fly her back to Vancouver. They had to ensure she did not have a fever and also that a hospital bed would be available for her in the intensive care unit of Vancouver General Hospital. Once all the necessary requirements were in place, Elise was flown home in a medical air ambulance on Dec. 20, 2008. Elise remained in the ICU in Vancouver but soon after her arrival she came out of a coma. She did not recognize anyone except her husband. Her brain soon picked up speed and one day, what Elise calls a "Ding,"

her brain turned a switch to "on" and she gained back her memory. On Jan. 2, 2009, Elise looked at her husband and said "What am I doing here? I'm supposed to be on a cruise in Greece! I want to go home."

Sadly, her husband had to break the news to her. Elise didn't believe what had happened until she looked in a mirror and saw how short her hair was as well as the scars from her surgeries on her head and neck. Tears streamed down her face. She couldn't believe she had been attacked by a dog.

In the summer of 2009, Elise was finally able to return home after months of rehabilitation. Her near-death experience made her realize that she just wants to seize and capture what she has and not focus on what she lost. With this in mind, Elise designed her own rehabilitation program. She was determined to get back her life in full and return to the job she loved.

In the fall of 2010, Elise returned to her job at IMET on a graduated return to work program. She started with working 12 hours a week and slowly adjusted back into work-life. All the while, Elise continued her medical visits and rehabilitation program. Her physiatrist told her that 94 per cent of people with brain injuries cannot work, five per cent can do light duties and one per cent can get back to their regular jobs. Elise's goal was to be that 1 per cent. In February 2011, her medical team permitted her to start working 18 hours a week. She was on the road to being in the one per cent.

Elise enjoys being back at work and has the biggest smile in the office. She says everyone has been extremely supportive as she continues to learn and deal with her audio comprehension and speech complications. She feels blessed to have so many great people in her life.

"After going through what I did, I feel like I have gained more than I have lost because I am able to do the things I used to do. These two years have been an eye opener and changed my perspective on life. I'm happy and lucky to be alive. I definitely don't take that for granted," she said.

By Sonja Cermak

Horse Rescued From Vedder River

On June 28, 2011, Chilliwack RCMP received a call about a horse and rider who had both fallen into the fast flowing Vedder River. The 31-year-old female rider from Chilliwack was able to make it to out of the river on her own unharmed but the horse continued on down the river.

The horse and rider were riding along the water's edge near Hopedale Road in Chilliwack when the horse got spooked and fell into the water. The horse was spotted a few times as it passed Yarrow and made its way down the Vedder Canal. Chilliwack RCMP were advised and were unable to have Air Services team attend so made the decision to launch the RCMP Zodiac into the river. A general duty member assisted by two members of the First Nations Policing Unit picked up a local horse wrangler who was in a small boat attempting to rescue the horse.

After two hours in the icy water, police came upon the horse as it was approaching the Keith Wilson Bridge. The horse wrangler lassoed the horse and guided it onto shore safely.

"As a police officer, you never know what a day will bring," said Cst. Tracy Wolbeck. "It's pretty miraculous that the horse and rider made it out unharmed and that our members were able to respond as quickly as they did. It was a happy ending for everyone."

By Cst. Tracy Wolbeck



A horse is rescued from the fast flowing Vedder River after it was spooked and fell into the water.

Stolen Bicycle Returned To Owner

On June 16, 2011, Richmond RCMP were called to Kathari's residence after his family discovered that his brand new mountain bike had been stolen from their backyard. Cpl. Turley said, "Kathari had the mountain bike for only a day. There were no suspects believed to be responsible which left investigators with little to work with."



Richmond RCMP return stolen bicycle to Kathari.

Investigators from Richmond RCMP's Property Crime Unit became aware of the theft and began digging in their heels. They learned that a prolific offender who had recently been released from custody had been arrested

in Richmond days earlier. The offender's whereabouts leading up to the arrest were determined at which point the mountain bike was recovered in an area that the male was known to frequent.

Six days after the theft, Richmond RCMP returned to Burkeville and handed the mountain bike over to Kathari. Kathari was very happy to see his bike again and enjoyed the summer riding around his neighborhood.

By Cpl. Sherrdean Turley

British Columbia Drugs Surveillance and Intelligence Working Group Turns One in April 2011

In April 2011, the British Columbia Drugs Surveillance and Intelligence Working Group (BCDSIWG) celebrated its one-year anniversary.

In 2010, "E" Div. Drugs and Organized Crime Awareness Service had taken a formal approach to work collaboratively with the intelligence and health agencies to address the drug issue in the province of British Columbia.

This initiative resulted in the creation of the British Columbia Drugs Surveillance Intelligence Working Group. Its mandate is to monitor and report health, safety and intelligence trends in the form of reports, bulletins and publications relating to drugs in



(L-R): Sgt. Anthony Choy, RCMP DOCAS; Dr. Walter Martz Provincial Toxicology; Victoria Wozniak, CISBC; Richard Laing, Health Canada DAS; S/Sgt. Bob Hall, NCO i/c RCMP DOCAS.

the province. The current agencies involved consist of Health Canada Drug Analysis Section, Provincial Toxicology, Criminal Intelligence Section of British Columbia, and RCMP Drugs and Organized Crime Awareness Service. Since the inception of the unit, a number of reports on drug topics such as BZP, Spice Gold, oxycodone and ecstasy were produced to assist law enforcement agencies in BC.

Fallen Surrey Member Honoured

On May 21, 2011, at 12:30 pm the Surrey RCMP held a short ceremony to rededicate a plaque memorializing a fallen officer who was killed in the course of duty in Cloverdale in 1974. The Cst. Roger Pierlet Overhead is dedicated in memory of the Surrey RCMP member who was shot and killed on 176 Street, just south of Highway 10. Twenty members in red serge were in attendance along with Surrey RCMP A/Commr. Fraser MacRae, Mayor Diane Watts and family members and veterans.

Peace Officer is also a "Bees" Officer

The buzz is that Kelowna RCMP Cst. Kevin Hamilton is the "bees knees" to tenants of a condo complex that were spared stinging encounters, and a sticky situation, thanks to his unique set of skills.

The situation began on June 22, 2010, when concerned tenants noticed that a "small" swarm of honey bees, about 3,000 of them, were occupying the branch of a large tree next to a shared parking area of the complex. It is unclear as to why the bees were there. However a swarm of bees that size usually indicates the presence of a queen. The bees had been hovering en masse above a section of the parking lot, making it difficult for tenants to go to and from their vehicles. They later formed a living hive on the branch while hundreds of other bees buzzed about the parking lot area on protective patrols. Tenants were concerned about the potential of painful interactions between the bees and people - the most vulnerable being children, the elderly and those with allergic reactions to bee venom.

One concerned resident, Lee-Ann Erickson, was told to call the police. Fortunately, the police dispatchers were aware of Cst. Hamilton's skills as an active apiarist (bee keeper) and he happened to be on shift that day. Cst. Hamilton was dispatched to the call and arrived prepared in his white bee suit and with his tools of the trade: a hive box, a hand pruner and a smoker.

As the tree branch was low to the ground, Cst. Hamilton was able to reach it and pacify the agitated insects with some puffs of smoke.



Cst. Kevin Hamilton, an active apiarist (bee keeper), removes a bee hive of 3,000 bees to ensure the safety of tenants at a condo complex.

With the bees now calmer, Cst. Hamilton gingerly shook the branch, causing most of the bees to fall into the waiting hive box. He then cut the branches, containing the hangers on, to ensure all of the bees, including the queen were in the box. He waited a minute or two see if the bees would fly away, an indication that the queen was not inside the box, but the bees stayed. Finally, Cst. Hamilton covered and carried the box to his vehicle, to the sound of applause by the tenants and curious onlookers. The happy hive was then transported to an orchard in a rural area to begin its new life in the honey-making business.

By Cst. Steve Holmes



The living hive up close.

Mia – a Macbook, but she was fishing around for and understood the value of all the software as well.

I gave Mia a backpack and told her it had some standard goodies from Make a Wish. Being curious, she opened it right away.



Mia Funk, 14, enjoys her unexpected iPad and Macbook from Make a Wish Foundation.

She yelled, "iPad!" The extra gift was unexpected and put Mia over the top. Her brother Derek recognized it right away as the much sought after iPad 2. Mia got right down to business and fired up the laptop and iPad right away. She was surfing the net immediately. We departed and left a very happy family.

By S/Sgt. Dave Beach

RCMP Assist Make a Wish Foundation

Vanderhoof's Mia Funk, 14, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer was visited unexpectedly on July 8, 2011, by Cpl. Terry Faulkner, Surrey Major Crime Unit and Cst. Antonio Dimaggio, Vanderhoof Detachment. These two members were bearing gifts from the British Columbia Make a Wish Foundation.

Cpl. Terry Faulkner explained that his sister worked for Make a Wish Foundation and asked him to deliver a gift box. Knowing that Mia had some dietary restrictions, the top of the box was packed with Maynards fruit candies. Mia opened the box and said, "You got my favourite...all of them." Too funny.

Mia also enjoyed the 20 smiley face balloons we brought along with Cst. Dimaggio in red serge. Then she got down to business and you could tell this was the perfect gift for

Sooke Goes Dry in June

The community of Sooke recognized that the month of June is a special time for the graduating students of Edward Milne Community School (EMCS). In support of this occasion, community leaders and volunteers joined educational leaders at EMCS in their commitment to abstain from the consumption of alcohol for the entire month of June. It was nicknamed 'Dry June.'

In years past, tragedy has struck BC youth around graduation time – often due to alcohol consumption and the poor judgement it can bring out in people. Emergency personnel, school staff, and community leaders are left to deal with the aftermath of this tragedy. It is these experiences that motivated them to support any initiative that reduces risky behaviour by youth.

The entire Sooke RCMP Detachment went dry in June in support of Sooke graduates. They joined a growing number of people, in the hundreds, from the community of Sooke, including parents, the fire department, members of Sooke Council, and members of the District of Sooke.

"This is a community project that caused many of us involved to realize how valuable actions can be, in leading our youth to make wise choices. This was a very small sacrifice that had a significant impact on our graduates," said S/Sgt. Steve Wright, detachment commander of the Sooke RCMP and a 'Dry June' participant.

By Cpl. Scott Hilderley

Police Dog Services Lose Two Four-Legged Members in BC

"E" Div.'s Lower Mainland District dog team suffered two blows in July with the on-duty deaths of two of its dogs. Bo and Bear died a day apart, sending a ripple of shock through the District's Police Dog Service.

"Losing two members of our team in two days is devastating – it's not something one can prepare for," said S/Sgt. Ron Field, head of the PDS team. "Our handlers are all feeling the loss and our thoughts are with the two officers who've lost their partners."

PDS Bear died when he was hit by a car while chasing down a robbery suspect in Maple Ridge, a Vancouver bedroom community, on July 12. PDS Bo died the day before in a collision in Richmond when the police vehicle he was in spun into a power pole that hit right where Bo was sitting. His handler was not injured.

Messages of condolence poured in on the "E" Div. Facebook page, by e-mail and at detachment front counters for the two handlers, demonstrating that the public shared in the tragic loss.

RCMP Scouts go to Barkerville in NWMP Uniforms

Two RCMP Rovers, one RCMP Venturer and their trainer, a RCMP Special Constable, traveled to Barkerville, a National Historic Site of Canada, in order to participate in Dominion Day celebrations over the July long weekend.

The group marched in the opening ceremonies on July 1 in celebration of

Dominion Day. All four individuals were dressed in "period" 1878 Northwest Mounted Police uniforms, as it would have looked like over 130 years ago.

Two members of the group, Stan Gordy and S/Cst. Davy Greenlees, wore 1878 red serge, with gold braid piping and gold braiding on the sleeve. These two also wore pith helmets, and "long blues" (pants), with yellow strips down the sides. These uniforms were typically worn by the officer class of that era. The other two group members, Quinton Huisman and Christine McGivern, were in constable's uniform of the day, which included red serge, off white breeches (pants), and pillbox hats. All four individuals were wearing a Sam Browne (belt) without a cross strap, which was also the uniform of the day.



S/Cst. Davy Greenlees, Christine McGivern, Quinton Huisman and Stan Gordy go to Barkerville in NWMP uniforms.

S/Cst. Greenlees started in the Scouting movement when he was 13 years old, and when hired on as a dispatcher with the RCMP, here in Prince George, discovered that there was an RCMP program, incorporated into the Ventures program of Scouts Canada. This program ran in conjunction with the Canadian Scouting Movement and trained young men and women from 14 to 17 years old. However, after 18 years of age there was no further training and Greenlees melded the Prince George RCMP Ventures with the Rovers, also of the Canadian Scouting Movement. When the chance arose to supply RCMP Rovers and Venturers in 1878

period uniform, S/Cst. Greenlees recruited these three individuals.

Quinton Huisman, the youngest of the uniformed NWMP, at 15 years and still an RCMP Venturer, said, "I have an interest in joining the RCMP when I finish school, so when the chance to participate, in uniform, on Dominion Day at Barkerville came up, I jumped at it."

Christine McGivern, 19 years old, is an RCMP Rover and said, "I am also interested in a career in the police and I would be first generation. I have no brothers, uncles or cousins that were ever police. There were no females in the RCMP in 1878, but it is a very simple uniform and I hope one day to be able to wear the real thing."

Stan Gordy, 19, also an RCMP Rover, said, "I was one of the original three males in the RCMP Venturers, when it was started here in Prince George by S/Cst. Davy Greenlees. I was not originally looking to a career in the police, however, I have since become very interested, and this has stemmed from my involvement in the Venturers and now the Rovers."

Cst. Sets BC Records

Cst. Shawna LeBlanc is posted to the Campbell River Municipal Detachment in "E" Div. She joined the RCMP in May 2000 from a small rural community in Nova Scotia. She grew up with a strong inclination for hard work, sports and competition, participating in basketball, 4H and body building.

A decade later, the competitive spark remained alive and well in Shawna and last year she returned to her body building roots. As Shawna had never competed in the sport of powerlifting (a weight lifting sport consisting of dead lifts, bench press, and squats), she saw no reason not to take on a new challenge.

It is not an easy sport and the demands on one's body and time are unfathomable. After long shifts, it was off to the gym where Shawna routinely lifted more than the awestruck men watching her squat three plates per side. This was all before she went home to put her son to bed then start all over, often leaving no time for nourishment beyond a protein shake.

Shawna then set her sights firmly on taking home a much deserved medal at the BC Winter Open Power Lifting Competition, held on Feb.

13, 2011, in Vancouver. To no one's surprise at the end of this very long day, Shawna left with the gold medal for her weight class and the trophy for best overall female lifter. To say that this is quite the accomplishment is an understatement of unequaled proportions when one considers this is Shawna's first time ever attempting this sport. Her final numbers were:

- Squat: 270 pounds
- Bench Press: 209 pounds
- Dead lift: 347 pounds
- Total weight lifted: 826 pounds

The bench press, dead lift, and total weight all set new BC records.

On June 12, 2011, Shawna entered her second competition, the BC Provincial Championships held at the Jericho Hill Centre, Vancouver, BC. Shawna again won the gold for her weight class, as well as taking home the trophy for best overall female lifter (again, for the second time).

Shawna's coach said, "Although new to the sport of powerlifting, it quickly became very apparent Shawna was something special." "What amazed her coach the most was her ability to balance the demands of her career and family commitments, while still finding the energy to train with such intensity. There is not any doubt in his mind Shawna is capable of becoming a World Champion powerlifter. Congratulations Shawna! We are all very proud of you."



Cst. Shawna LeBlanc trains hard for her first powerlifting competition.

"F" Division Headquarters — Regina, Saskatchewan



"F" Division Biological Exhibit Repository

The "F" Div. Biological Exhibit Repository was officially declared open for business on June 29, 2011. This new temperature controlled, walk-in freezer will help ensure long-term validity of biological exhibits produced from crime scenes.

In addition to this new storage system, "F" Div. is leading the way with a dedicated resource at the Forensic Exhibit Management Unit. This has allowed policy and procedure to be put in place to ensure that we are managing samples properly through accurate tracking, proper storage, and diary dates for review and destruction. Because DNA analysis is such a new and evolving science, policy around these exhibits did not previously exist.

But this is only the first phase. The next two phases will see biological exhibits currently stored in detachments across the province be moved to this new storage facility.

"F" Div. is also working in partnership with the Ministry of Justice and municipal policing agencies to potentially develop a provincial facility that would allow all agencies to store biological exhibits at this facility. A proposal was delivered to the province last year.

"F" Div. PROS Team Honoured

In April, 2011, "F" Div. honoured its hardworking Police Reporting and Occurrence System (PROS) instructors and support team with an Award of Distinction.

The team, led by Sgt. Bernie Littmann, is an example of dedication beyond compare. Over



"F" Div. PROS Team was honoured. (L-R): Sgt. Bernie Littmann, Martin Schultz, Betty Donovan, Wally Knox, Dave Hoeft.

the years, they have trained, taught, supervised, and informed employees, cadets, detachments. They have worked in cramped spaces and remote locations, in vehicles and from home. They take calls to help resolve problems from detachments, employees, other divisions, and even the Central Help Desk.

Sgt. Littmann has proven to be an outstanding leader for the group. He was initially responsible for the rollout of PROS to "F" Div. and had the responsibility of the rollout of PROS mobile. Sgt. Littmann has often gone to National Headquarters to inform them of issues with processes and provided direction on how best to correct the issue.

He and his team have faced numerous challenges, including reduced resources and increased expectations. Although there have been struggles, they have remained positive throughout, which has resulted in one of the lowest PROS error rates in the country.

Punnichy RCMP Celebrate Cadet Corps Graduation

On June 22, 2011, 80 cadets graduated from the Touchwood Cadet Corps troop in a ceremony at the Gordon First Nation's Pow Wow grounds. The cadets, ranging in age from 10 to 18, worked very hard over the last year to become the unified, self-confident troop that marched onto the grounds that day.

After an opening prayer from an elder from the community, the ceremony commenced with a drill demonstration by the graduating troop, followed by an inspection of the troops by Insp. Andy Landers and Insp. Dave Thorne, one of the founders of the Touchwood Cadet Corps program.

The turnout for the graduation was impressive as families proudly watched their children and grandchildren experience the pride of achievement.



The ceremony commenced with a drill demonstration by the graduating troop, followed by an inspection of the troops by Insp. Andy Landers and Insp. Dave Thorne, with Cst. Dane Sackney on the far left.

"I have no doubt that many of these youths with some day look back and be thankful for their involvement in the program," said S/Sgt. Greg Abbott, Punnichy RCMP Detachment Commander.

During their time in Punnichy, Insp. Dave Thorne and Cpl. Mary Thorne founded the Touchwood Cadet Corps program. Their dedication to kids, the program, and the community is well known throughout the community and this dedication is alive today because of S/Sgt. Greg Abbott. To ensure the continuation and success of the program, he selected Cst. Kevin Dyck and Cst. Dane Sackney for Cadet Corps training. They have worked closely with the cadets over the past year and during the training for the graduation. Everyone involved experienced some very rewarding moments that really strengthened the importance of the program for the kids and the community.

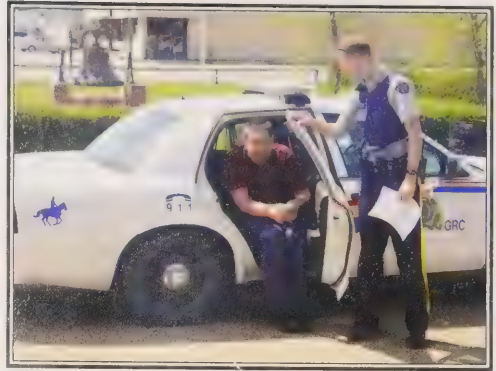
For the past couple of years, Cpl. Ron Stenger of "F" Div. Aboriginal Policing has worked very hard to advance the Cadet Corps program throughout the province. He's worked with a number of communities to help them get programs up and running. As a result, we have seen a significant increase in membership and by the end of 2011, there will be more than 480 graduates in Saskatchewan.

Canadian Cancer Society - Outlook/Lake Diefenbaker Relay for Life

The Outlook/Elbow RCMP Detachments along with staff from Outlook High School and Elementary School have participated in this Relay for Life for the third year in a row.

Each year, a "Jail and Bail" is held as a fundraising event whereby unsuspecting employers and colleagues are taken into custody for a variety of offences, such as not answering the phone, having a bad hair day or being too nice. Once in custody, a bail amount is set for the jailbird to raise before they are released from custody.

This has turned out to be a very fun and successful event as well as a great time for police and members of the community to work together for a worthwhile cause. The "Relay for Life" in Outlook/Lake Diefenbaker this year raised over \$67,000.



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How MEAP Can Help

I first met Cpl. Sheilah Roy when she was transferred to "Depot" Div. as a facilitator and I was in charge of "Depot" Staffing. Since then I've moved to "F" Div. HQ and Sheilah transferred to CPIC Field Ops in Regina, under S/Sgt. Ken Martin.

It was early this year that Ken called me in my capacity as Return to Work coordinator, to advise me that Sheilah was seriously ill in Etobicoke General Hospital. She had been on vacation in Cuba when she fell ill. She spent three days in hospital in Cuba and was able to fly back on her scheduled flight, but her condition worsened during the flight back to Canada. When she arrived, she was transported by ambulance to the Etobicoke hospital, where she remained in very serious condition. She underwent three emergency surgeries in Etobicoke.

There was little I could offer in assistance as she was an employee of National Headquarters and being in Ontario it was only necessary to keep "O" Div. Health Services informed. It wasn't until April that I received another call from S/Sgt. Martin. Sheilah had improved somewhat, but now Ken was being asked by Sheilah's family what the Force could do to help as Sheilah was in Ontario, her place of work (and house) were in Regina, and her family, including her teenage son, were living in Qualicum Beach, near Nanaimo, BC. The logistics of having someone remain

in Etobicoke to support her were becoming a major strain.

Having worked closely with the "F" Div. Member Employee Assistance Program (MEAP) coordinator, S/Sgt. Rick Wychreschuk, I knew this was something he would take on. (MEAP is a national support program with divisional coordinator positions and volunteer MEAP referral agents in just about every area of the Force.) I briefed Rick on April 19 and he immediately contacted his counterpart in "O" Div., Cpl. Mona Eichman. What followed can only be described as a flurry of activity. Mona visited Sheilah to get an update on her status. She returned the next day with the "O" Div. chaplain, Chuck Congram, and she and Cpl. Louise Savard continued regular visits. Mona reached out to other MEAP coordinators in her division and beyond to help provide support to Sheilah and her family and they continue to provide support to this day.

About the beginning of June, Sheilah's condition stabilized sufficiently that, while she could not be released from hospital, she could be transferred to another facility. This now brought about the question of how Sheilah could be transferred and who would pay the cost. S/Sgt. Rod Keeping said, "O" Div. SRR became involved at this point. He researched the policy and costs and initially formulated a plan for Sheilah and her medical support to fly by commercial airline to a hospital near her parents' home in BC. As this was an extraordinary cost, approval had to be sought at the highest levels. With support from the "O" Div. HSO, Rod approached Supt. John Sliter, OIC Field Services for support. When presented with the situation Supt. Sliter agreed to fund the medical travel from his unit.

As it turned out, S/Sgt. Keeping was able to arrange the use of an RCMP aircraft to transfer Cpl. Roy to Nanaimo and on June 6, Sheilah was discharged from Etobicoke and flown via the Commissioner's aircraft to Nanaimo, accompanied by the pilots and a paramedic. She now remains in Nanaimo General Hospital with her family nearby. Sheilah reports that the doctors are optimistic that she will recover, however, it will be a long and arduous process. She maintains regular contact with Mona Eichman and Louise Savard and is very thankful for the support she and her family have received.

I've mentioned some names here but by no means have I included everyone. This was truly a team effort lead by MEAP and supported by the SRR, Force chaplains and senior management. I am hard pressed to think of any other organization which could or would mount such an operation to help one employee. If you are ever faced with an unusual situation where you don't know which way to turn, think MEAP. We truly have a splendid group of people working in this organization and particularly in the MEAP program.

By S/Sgt. Steve George



Cpl. Sheilah Roy, prior to boarding the aircraft with RCMP pilots C/M Andrew Tuck, middle, and C/M Eric Bolduc, right, and paramedic Graham Mitchell, left. The RCMP bathrobe that Cpl. Roy is wearing was given to her as a keepsake from "O" Div. Commanding Officer A/Commr. Stephen White, and CROPS officer C/Supt. Norm Mazerolle.

Relocation To or Within "H" Division – especially the Halifax area?



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"G" Division Headquarters — Yellowknife, Northwest Territories



DARE Graduation Certificates Handed Out



Seventeen students receive DARE graduation certificates.

Cst. Amanda McGillivray, along with Chief Eddie Chocolate, presented DARE graduation certificates to 17 students from Miss Reid's class at Jean Wetrade Gamètì School in the community of Gamètì. Each student was also given a DARE t-shirt along with some other merchandise. The students then presented a video skit on the acronym "REAL" (refuse, explain, avoid and leave). They also thanked Cst. McGillivray for her time and efforts in presenting the DARE course.

(DARE is a program which was developed by experts and is designed to provide elementary

students with the skills that they need to resist drugs, violence and gangs. A regular member who has been specifically trained for this program delivers the instruction in the schools in co-operation with the school administration and school board.)

Cst. McGillivray spoke of the importance of such a program and its expected continuation as new members are transferred into the community. Afterwards the students and staff were treated to pizza, cake and ice cream during the post grad celebrations.



"H" Division

Headquarters — Halifax, Nova Scotia

Operation Scotian Pearl

Bright red emergency tape flutters in the wind. It's surrounding an unremarkable urban street flanked by apartment units. Inside the perimeter, there is an orange municipal vehicle brought to an abrupt halt with its doors open. There is a suspicious package planted on the truck. Near the truck, barrels of liquid material are strewn about. A city bus ground to a halt yet passengers remain on board. There is thick, white smoke. And there is a lone figure lying on the ground. He is not moving.

This is the scenario emergency crews throughout Nova Scotia responded to on a damp, chilly Friday morning in May. It's all part of a training exercise called Operation Scotian Pearl, designed to test the capacity and ability of federal, provincial and municipal emergency response crews throughout Nova Scotia.

"It's critically important to exercise the plan," says Phonse MacNeil, Commanding Officer for "H" Div., and one of those watching closely. "We spend a lot of time building plans, but without taking the equipment out and walking through what you're going to do with it at the time, you're never going to know if it's going to work. Even table-topping these exercises is not sufficient."

The exercise involves more than 300 participants in multiple locations. Planning for an event like this takes almost a year. Jim MacDougall, Exercise Director and Emergency Planner with the Nova Scotia Department of Health, estimates 80 per cent of what you learn in an exercise comes from the planning process. "Agencies can work in isolation and practice as they do, but it's events like this where we can actually bring everyone together," says MacDougall.



A training exercise tests the capacity and ability of federal, provincial and municipal emergency response crews throughout Nova Scotia.

In the scenario, a group of musicians, dancers and singers are on a bus trip. The bus is involved in a collision with a five-ton truck carrying chemicals. A suspicious package is found on the truck. The various organizations involved have to coordinate how best to respond to a situation involving the removal of injured passengers from an area possibly contaminated by chemical or biological material while defusing a possible threat. MacDougall says the participants are provided with a small briefing to give them context for what they might see, but from there, they have to figure out how best to respond on their own. "It's through exercises like this that we make the citizens of Nova Scotia and our communities safer," says MacDougall. "We always want to plan for the worst but hope for the best."

By Lane Farguson

Connaught Cup

Sgt. Gregoire Gascon has added his name to the history books. And he did it the hard way. First, he had to earn the right to represent "T" Div. ("Depot") to compete in the Connaught Cup, vying for the title of Best Shot in the Force. Then he had to fly from Regina to Halifax to take part in the annual shooting competition. And on the day of the event, the rain was heavy, and it was coming down sideways.

"It's awesome. It's my first time in the cup, and it's very rewarding," Gascon said after the final scores were tallied. Despite the wind and rain, Sgt. Gascon of the Armourer Section managed a perfect score of 250 during the competition with 27 x's. "Absolutely, the rain was a factor," said Gascon. "It certainly changed things a bit, but I just tried to shoot steady."

Established in 1912, the Connaught Cup competition brings together the RCMP's best shooters to compete using their RCMP standard-issued 9mm Smith and Wesson pistol. The name of the event was added in 1916, when the cup was presented to the North West Mounted Police by H.R.H. Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert 1st, Duke of Connaught and a former Governor General of Canada. The Connaught Cup is Canada's second oldest continuous competition; the Grey Cup has it beat by one year.

"We are excited to host the 99th Connaught Cup in Nova Scotia," said Cpl. Pat Moran of the

RCMP Federal Drug Unit and co-ordinator of the event. "Until now, this competition has either been held at "Depot" in Regina or the RCMP National Headquarters in Ottawa. This is the first time it has ever been held at one of the divisions."

The competition for the Connaught Cup was held at Bull Meadows Range Complex in Upper Rawdon, NS, on June 15, 2011.

By Lane Farguson



Sgt. Gregoire Gascon holds the title of Best Shot in the Force.

SportsPals

Members of the RCMP Preston Patrol are reaching out to the communities they serve in innovative, new ways. Over the course of the summer, they partnered with local sports groups to host a youth sports program at the Graham Creighton Junior High School sports field in Cherry Brook, NS.

From July 21-22, 2011, the RCMP Preston Patrol Unit along with several sport associations hosted a two-day football familiarization camp. This camp is part of a larger program developed by the Preston Patrol Unit called 'TrySport.'

The program's purpose is three-fold:

- to provide youth from the Preston area with exposure to sports not traditionally promoted in their respective community;
- to create an environment where the camp facilitators and mentors build self-esteem and create lasting relationships
- to promote fitness & healthy living through sport.

Participants included school-aged youth from the Preston communities (North Preston, East Preston, Cherry Brook/Lake Loon) who took part in drills, lessons and a football

game. Youth registered for the football camp also spent with players from Saint Mary's University Football Team, Dartmouth Football Association and RCMP members.

By Esther Medley-Smith

YPOP Summer Patrol

By foot or bike, the Halifax District RCMP Youth Problem Oriented Policing (YPOP) Unit was on patrol this past summer.

The YPOP Unit is a seasonal initiative. It brings together school liaison officers and community policing officers into one cohesive unit during the summer months. The initiative is a direct link between front line policing and the HRM Public Safety Strategy. The primary objective of the YPOP unit is to work with community youth to prevent crimes in which they potentially could be involved, either as a victim or as an offender. They target identified hot spot areas to prevent incidents from happening.

The YPOP Unit assists young persons in their communities by using crime prevention through social development to reduce youth crime and victimization. It's important for these officers to be on the ground and dialed into what's happening. It also helps having school liaison officers involved in the YPOP initiative. In many classes these officers already have a rapport with the young people they are trying to reach out to.

Foot and bicycle patrols are a big part of the YPOP initiative. The bicycle patrols are based on teams of two, with a particular focus on those areas not easily accessible by car like pathways, parks, and beaches. The fact that bicycles are much less conspicuous than patrol cars provides officers with an advantage if they are trying to get close to a hot spot area without drawing unwanted attention. Bicycle patrols are also used extensively for civic events like parades where a bicycle is much more maneuverable than a patrol car.

In addition to the bicycle patrols, YPOP members are also involved with boat patrols in the harbour and lakes. The initiative lasts for the duration of the summer, until the school liaison officers and community policing officers are redeployed to the schools once classes resumed in September. They are assisted by auxiliary constables and other community volunteers.

By Lane Farguson

Inverness DARE Grads

On June 14, Cst. Stacey MacRae of the Inverness RCMP detachment held a graduation ceremony for Grade 6 students from Bayview Education Center in Port Hood, Nova Scotia, for completing an eight-week program called D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education). Students learned about the harmful effects alcohol, tobacco, and various drugs can have on the body and how to say "no"



Grade 6 students in Port Hood, NS, completed the DARE program that provided Drug Awareness Resistance Education.



This year, nine children from the Gold River Reserve and Wild Cat Reserve attended an Aboriginal Youth Attend Summer Camp run by Community Policing Officer, Cst. Susan Foote, and three volunteers.

to drugs and alcohol. They also learned about bullying. The students entertained the audience by performing a skit and singing a song.

Joe MacMaster and Duncan Rankin were the winners of the essay writing contest in which students were asked to write about what they had learned from the D.A.R.E. program. Cst. MacRae thanked all the students for a great job and expressed thanks to the staff at the Bayview Education Center and the Inverness Town Counsel for their continued support of D.A.R.E.

Musical Ride

The RCMP Musical Ride performed at nine separate locations throughout Nova Scotia this past summer. Of the 32 riders, nine had ties to Nova Scotia either through birth, family or history of service.

This year, the RCMP Musical Ride tour ran from May 14-August 25, 2011 and included 38 stops in Saskatchewan, Ontario and the Atlantic provinces.

Aboriginal Youth Attend Summer Camp

On July 15 -17, 2011, Community Policing Officer, Cst. Susan Foote, and three volunteers from the Acadia First Nation Community at the Gold River Reserve conducted the annual Raven Hawk Explorer Aboriginal Youth Camp. This year, nine children from the Gold River Reserve and Wild Cat Reserve attended a fun-filled learning experience that started off with a visit to the DesBrisay Museum in Bridgewater where they learned about Mi'Kmaq culture and got to make their own talking sticks. After lunch, they travelled to Digby and enjoyed swimming. Supper was followed by a game of Police Jeopardy just like on TV. Some of the categories tested knowledge of their culture, RCMP, drugs, bullying, etc.

On Saturday, the kids went to Upper Clements Park for the day where they enjoyed the rides. Later that night, they drove to Bear River to take in a colourful fireworks display. Sunday they cleaned up, had breakfast, held a talking circle evaluation, and headed home later in the day.



Pictured are some of the attendees - Cst. Christine Hobin and Cst. Mac Routliffe of the Atlantic Region I&P Section, along with officials from the Halifax Fire Department, and Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett.

These kids may not normally get to attend camp so this is always a highlight of the summer for them. I wish to thank South Shore Schools Plus and the Acadia First Nation Band for their generous contribution and the volunteers in helping to make the camp a success.

By Cst. Susan Foote

Farewell to Supt. MacQuarrie, and Cpl. Katrina White



Farewell to Supt. MacQuarrie, and Cpl. Katrina White after many years of service in the RCMP. The husband and wife team decided to retire in February 2011 and are pictured here following a lunch with some of their colleagues and friends. (L-R): Supt. Craig Gibson, Supt. Kier MacQuarrie, Cpl. Katrina White, Supt. Darrell Beaton and C/Supt. McKnight at a retirement luncheon.

First Responders Honoured

On May 15, 2011, Knox United Church in Lower Sackville, NS, held a special thank you service to all police and first responders serving in the area. The congregation publicly acknowledged and gave thanks for the hours first responders put in, the sacrifices they make, and the risks they take in order to make the community a better place.

Officers Recognized



Cst. Adam Chartrand and Cst. Sebastien St. Pierre received recognition from Mayor Phil Mooney at a Yarmouth Town Council meeting in July 2011. Both officers were recognized for saving the life of a woman in March 2011 after she was attacked by two pitbulls.

Southwest Nova Members March Proud in Yarmouth Seafest parade

Members from across Southwest Nova gathered in Yarmouth for the annual Seafest parade. The parade is an annual event in conjunction with the Seafest Festival and coincided this year with the Yarmouth 250th

anniversary celebration. The RCMP Pipes and Drums Band was also in attendance. Our presence was well received and we've heard numerous positive comments since the parade.



Marching Troop photo members are: Cpl. Karen Holmes (Yar Rural), S/Sgt. John Ennis (SWN DANCO), Cst. John Cook (Yar Drug Sec), Cst. Sebastien Chartrand-Despatie (Yar Town), Sgt. Jeff Holmes (Meteghan), S/Sgt. Jeff Wells (Queens), Cst. Dana Patterson (Yar Town), S/Sgt. Frank Landry (SWN DANCO), Cst. Hector Morrison (Yar Town), Cst. David Fairfax (Annapolis), Cpl. Blair Pemberton (Annapolis), Cpl. Craig Warren (Kings), Cst. Mike Drenth (Barrington), Cst. Mario Gougeon (Yar Town), Supt. Craig Gibson (DPO SWN), Cst. Mark Thomaes (Queens), Cst. Gary Bartlett, Yar Town, and S/Sgt. Kevin Surette (Yar Town).

Missing from the photo but also marching were: S/Sgt. Bruce Hill and Cst. Gord Giffin (Lunenburg), Cst. Neil Parnel (Coastal Watch), and Cst. Janis Kelly (Yar Town).



"HQ" Division

Headquarters — Ottawa, Ontario

Canada Day Run in Afghanistan



Runners from the Canadian Forces, Coalition Forces and civilian members of the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan participated in a Canada Day run in Kabul.

Perfect running weather is what greeted over 200 runners at the Kabul, Afghanistan, "Camp Eggers" five-kilometre and 10-kilometre Canada Day Run on July 1, 2011. Organized by the Canadian Civilian Police contingent, runners from the Canadian Forces, Coalition Forces and civilian members of the Nato Training Mission – Afghanistan participated.

Signs of Canadian pride were visible throughout the camp as many runners sported their Canada Day run t-shirts that featured the Canadian flag on the front. Lots of goodies were passed out to participants in the form of stickers, washable tattoos, pencils and Canadian maple syrup. Everyone wanted one of the small Canadian paper flags that were handed out at the end of the race for the group photo.

The feedback was extremely popular with one American participant saying he had run in seven previous races at Camp Eggers and the Canada Day run was the best yet.

The success of the run was thanks to support back in Canada. Cpl. Sue Saunders of Newmarket Commercial Crime had the t-shirts made and shipped to Kabul and she also solicited sponsorship of the maple syrup and stickers from North York Farmer, a farm supply company in Newmarket, Ont. Ashley Mathieu from National Headquarters in Ottawa designed the t-shirts and Jolene Bradley, also of NHQ, designed the plaques that were given to the winners of the run.

I'd also like to acknowledge Insp. Steve Saunders who worked tirelessly in Kabul to get

things organized and off the ground. While it's crucial to have the overall involvement of many to make an event such as this a success, it also comes down to someone taking the bull by the horns to get it started and Steve was that guy. It was a proud day to be a Canadian.

By Supt. Grant St. Germaine



Plaques were given to the winners of the Canada Day run in Afghanistan and maple syrup was one of the goodies given to all participants.

RCMP Participate In European Mission

In May 2011, Sgt. Denis Savard participated in a two-week mission in France and Germany with the Canadian Tourism Commission (CTC). Sgt. Savard assisted in a public relation capacity in Paris and also in Frankfurt at the annual IMEX exhibition, the only meetings and incentive travel exhibition that combines attendance by a major outbound market with hosted international buyers.

About 150 countries and 350 exhibitors were represented to promote their cities as the destination of choice for events, conferences and tourism. Among the exhibitors were a Canadian contingent of representatives from the CTC, Office of Tourism from Montreal and Quebec, the Convention Centers from Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Marriot and Fairmont Hotels. The RCMP contributed to the achievement of the goals set out by the CTC by having a member displaying the iconic red serge, famous around the world. More than 10,000 people attend this exhibition every year. For additional information, visit www.imex-frankfort.com.

By Sgt. Denis Savard



Sgt. Denis Savard participated at a trade show exhibition in France and Germany.

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"J" Division

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RCMP Members Awarded for Apprehending Fugitive

On June 9, 2011, Cpl. Sebastien Ruel (Saint-Léonard IBET) and Cst. Nicolas Potvin (Saint-Léonard Drug Section) attended the International Fugitive Investigators Conference in Toronto where they received an award for their work in apprehending a fugitive wanted in the United States for serious crimes. The fugitive had illegally crossed the Canadian border near Lac Baker, NB.

By Brigitte Richard

serving tea with a senior's group, and a special meeting with the pre-school participants at the HOPE Centre in Hampton, a BBQ with all profits going to the DARE program in Browns Flatt.

The District 3 RCMP is looking forward to continuing these types of community events throughout the year, and is already looking forward to next year's Police Week.

By Tanya Warren

Celebrating Four Decades of Policing

Cst. Norma Crossman and Cst. Derek Dannells certainly look like a happy couple, but in reality, they're simply good colleagues with plenty to smile about. They have more than 45 years of policing between them, and on Feb. 10, 2011, their coworkers in District 3 held a joint retirement party to recognize their dedicated service and many contributions to the RCMP.

District 3 Celebrates Police Week



Community events were organized in District 3 to recognize Police Week.

District 3 RCMP celebrated Police Week this year by taking part in community events throughout the district, engaging with community members, and enforcing the fact that partnering with the general public is most definitely best practice.

Some of the exciting events that the district took part in were Restorative Justice information sessions throughout the district,



Cst. Norma Crossman and Cst. Derek Dannells at a joint retirement party to recognize their combined 40 years of dedicated service to the RCMP.

Cst. Crossman joined the RCMP in 1986 and was posted to "B" Div. Since then, she has held a variety of roles within the RCMP, including General Duties, Traffic, and Customs and Excise, the RCMP's Blood Task Force and the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team. She has worked General Duty in Sussex since 2009, and plans to continue on as a guard after her retirement.

Cst. Dannells' policing career started in 1987, when he joined the Sussex Town Police as an auxiliary member. He went on to become a full member in November 1990, and joined the RCMP in December 1998 when the Town of Sussex switched from a municipal to a federal force. Cst. Dannells has worked on Highway and General Duty, and continues to assist with Restorative Justice for the District.

All members of District 3 wish both Norma and Derek only the best in their next adventures.

By Allison Melanson and Insp. John Warr

District 6 Bids Farewell to Chaplain Douglas Barrett

May 17, 2011 marked the end of Father D. Douglas Barrett's term as RCMP District 6 chaplain. Father Barrett recently retired and moved back to his hometown of St. John's, Nfld.



Father Barrett accepts the framed RCMP horse and rider print from S/Sgt. Greg Grant on behalf of District 6 employees.

To say thank you to Father Barrett and his wife Gwen, a dozen RCMP employees and friends gathered at the District office in

Blackville for coffee, tea, cake and ice cream. Father Barrett was presented with an engraved pen and a framed RCMP horse and rider print as a token of appreciation. Both were very appreciative and touched by the gesture. Father Douglas had been the District 6 chaplain for three years.

By Brigitte Richard

Taking a Bite Out Of Crime

On March 12, 2011, members of the District 1 RCMP took to the ice to battle the Sea Hawks Alumni team in a community hockey game at the St. Stephen Border Arena. The game was held in support of the Charlotte County Crime Stoppers and drew a crowd of about 400 people.

As part of the evening, a Community Awareness Fair was set up in the arena lobby, where members of the public could stop to learn about local services and pick up a few freebies from the various booths. Those who participated in the fair included the RCMP, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Child Find New Brunswick, RBC Royal Bank, Scotiabank, Citizens on Patrol (COP), the Link Program and New Brunswick Crime Stoppers.

Throughout the evening, more than 30 prizes that were donated by area businesses were given away. Children at the event were excited by the chance to meet and be photographed with Mr. Tipps, Safety Bear, Cst. Barkley and Customs Bear.



(L-R): The mascots names are Mr. Tipps, Crime Stoppers mascot; Cst. Barkley as the RCMP mascot; Customs Bear, CBSA mascot; Safety Bear, RCMP mascot.



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By Lisa Williams

Public Service Employees in "J" Div. Raise Funds for Porter Memorial Playground

Over 90 public service support staff employees descended on "J" Div. HQ from March 30-April 1, 2011, for its 6th Support Staff POWPM. During that time they raised funds through a raffle draw, silent auction and casual days. The fundraising efforts continued throughout the month of April with all employees pitching in to include donations at the cafeteria, casual days and a bake sale at HQ, as well as donations from Districts 2 and 3.

PSE's Joanne Breneol and Janice Bates were pleased to present a cheque for \$3,569.22 to Mike Breau and Erica Lane, committee members for the Porter Memorial Playground.

This playground project is in memory of Cst. Jason Porter and his two children, Hannah, age 5 and Jack, age 2, who were killed in a motor vehicle accident on Feb. 15, 2009. The playground will be built at the Seawood School in Saint John where Hannah attended. Many thanks to those who contributed to this project, which is halfway at its fundraising goal.

By Janice Bates



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Supporting Canada's Youth at Risk



(L-R): Cst. Travise Dow, Justin Leach, Geoff Phinney, S/Sgt. Gary Fournier, Cst. Dal Hutchinson and Chris St. Peter.

Cumberland Minor Football is a coordinated group of players, parents and volunteers dedicated to local youth. The goal of Wolfpack Football is to provide a safe, team-orientated approach to teach life skills through the game of football, helping prepare our youth for their futures. The Wolfpack is a member of the Moncton Football Association competing at the mosquito, atom, pee wee and bantam age divisions in New Brunswick.

A midget age division was added this year, furthering the growth of the Wolfpack. Cst. Travise Dow, Amherst RCMP Detachment, has been instrumental in the organization and development of the football program. Cst. Dow envisioned bringing football to Cumberland County and made it a reality through community support.

On Feb. 7, 2011, S/Sgt. Gary Fournier, District Commander for Cumberland County (Amherst) and Cst. Dal Hutchinson, community policing officer, presented a cheque in the amount of \$1800. to the Cumberland Minor Football program, on behalf of the RCMP Foundation.

The Wolfpack football program was also featured on TSN last fall during the televised game played in Moncton, NB. TSN contacted the Wolfpack about featuring the grassroots football program. A team of personnel along with Brian Williams flew down from Toronto to interview Cst. Dow and other coaches about football being revived in the area.

As well, on April 16, 2011, Cst. Travise Dow was presented with the Gridiron Award from Football New Brunswick. The award is given to volunteers who have made a major contribution to improve football in New Brunswick.

In its first year of existence, Wolfpack Football saw 53 players competing in the 2010 campaign. In the spring of 2011, almost 50 new children joined the ranks. In July 2011, a fifth division was added, meaning that almost 120 children and counting in Cumberland County are participating. Football was last organized in Cumberland County in 1978.

The Cumberland District RCMP are proud of Cst. Dow and his efforts to provide the youth of Cumberland County with a positive experience through sports.



The family of Joe Harry Simon presented a portrait to the Elsipogtog RCMP detachment in February 2011.

Portrait Dedicated to the Elsipogtog RCMP Detachment

At a meeting of the RCMP Community Consultative Group on Feb. 11, 2011, Manual Simon presented a portrait of his father, Joe Harry Simon, to S/Sgt. Craig Yorke to be displayed in the RCMP detachment in Elsipogtog.

Joe Harry Simon was born and raised in Elsipogtog. He became Big Cove Band councillor, and also a proud member of the Big Cove Police. Manual spoke of his father as a man who devoted his time, well-being, safety and protection to the community. The portrait was dedicated to the people of Elsipogtog on behalf of his family.

By S/Sgt. Craig Yorke

Cst. Al Hicks Named Honourary Knight of the Dobson Trail

In February 2011, Cst Alan Hicks attended a Riverview Scout meeting to discuss the roles of a police officer, what the job entails, and give the children a grand tour of a police cruiser. At the end of the presentation, Jim DeWolfe, on behalf of the group, made Cst. Hicks an Honourary Knight of the Dobson Trail - presenting him with a ball cap and a flag of New Brunswick. The Riverview Scouts are also all Knights of the Dobson Trail. This designation empowers them as a group to be volunteers, ambassadors and caretakers of the trail.

By Brigitte Richard

"K" Division

Headquarters — Edmonton, Alberta



Airdrie Constables Honoured for Saving Child's Life

On June 7, 2011, Constables Mara Peterson and Cindy Templeman were awarded the St. John Lifesaving Award by Insp. Tony Hamori, O i/c, Airdrie Detachment. Both members were commended for their quick response, teamwork, and for their knowledge and use of first aid in saving the life of a child.

While on duty on July 6, 2009, both constables were at a residence in Airdrie, Alta., responding to an unrelated call for service when they were approached by a panicked man who advised them that his son was choking. Cst. Peterson and Cst. Templeman assessed the child's condition and found the infant not breathing with blue-coloured skin. They quickly called 9-1-1 and performed CPR. They continued this lifesaving intervention until the child began to breathe on his own again. Emergency Services arrived and transported the child and his mother to hospital for a routine follow up examination. The child was fine and is doing well.



(L-R): Cst. Cindy Templeman, Insp. Tony Hamori, Commander of Airdrie Detachment, Cst. Mara Peterson.

Connecting with Mini Mounties in "K" Div.

Gone are the days when RCMP officers were seen as intimidating authority figures. Today's members go out of their way to interact with their communities - and working with local children and youth is a good place to start. Throughout "K" Div., members like RCMP Cst. Morroco Johnson of Barrhead Detachment are active in local schools teaching children about making good life choices - and perhaps most importantly, teaching them that police officers are people too! Putting a face on the force goes a long way toward building positive relationships with local youth - relationships that play an important role in community crime prevention initiatives.

This summer, Cst. Johnson organized a Mini Mountie Camp and a Cop Camp designed to give kids some insight into what it takes to be an RCMP officer. The goal was to give the kids a sense of the day-to-day realities of frontline policing. The Mini Mountie Camp exposed local elementary school kids to the trials and tribulations - and the joys - of life on the beat. It also provided them an opportunity to interact with positive role models, who just happened to be police officers.

The Cop Camp was open to youth aged 14 to 17, and approximately half of the participants had already expressed an interest in a policing career. Again, the goal was to provide an up-close and personal view into the life of a member. The focus was on giving them experiences that would help them make an informed choice about a career in law enforcement. Participants were put through the paces of a new recruit. The camp included a field trip to the Edmonton Police Service training and Recruiting Centre, the Griesbach Detachment and the Nixon Gun Range.

Thanks to Cst. Morrocco, the Mini Mountie Camp and Cop Camp were a hit with the kids, who were challenged to see things through the eyes of an officer on the front line of their community. The camps expanded horizons and introduced many kids to the possibility of a policing career. Most importantly, through getting to know Cst. Johnson and the other officers involved, the kids learned that police officers are trustworthy members of the communities they serve and that young people have an important role to play in helping them do their jobs. Lessons like that go a long way towards preventing crime and building stronger, safer communities.

By Andrea Church

2011 Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security

20th Annual Crime Prevention Awards

The Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security Crime Prevention Awards recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations promoting community safety through crime prevention.

The awards presented this year are in the categories of individual, community organization, police, media and police-community collaboration.

2011 Police Member Award Recipient

Cst. Tara St. Denis



Cst. Tara St. Denis.

Peace River

Cst. St. Denis has helped strengthen the bond between the Woodland Cree First Nation and

the RCMP. She has been involved in many community-building programs with the First Nation, including the launch of the Woodland Cree Youth Group, the initiation of a community forum on the effects of drug taking, and the development of a youth justice committee.

The RCMP member graduated from the training academy in 2009 and completed one year of general duty policing before taking the position of Community Tripartite Agreement (CTA), member with the First Nations, which is one hour north of Peace River. Among her duties are frontline policing as well as community liaison.

2011 Police Member Award Recipient

Cst. Todd DePagie

Rocky Mountain House

Cst. DePagie has undertaken an initiative to create the Sunchild-O'Chiese Cadet Corps for the Aboriginal youth in the area. This initiative assists youth to develop positive skills and build self-esteem while educating them on the dangers of drugs and gang activity.

In the process, the RCMP member has also helped to create positive relationships between the youth and then police service. Cst. DePagie has also demonstrated commitment to all local issues within the Sunchild-O'Chiese First Nation communities.

2011 Individual Award Recipient

Lyn Michaud

Turner Valley

Lyn Michaud is a former manager from a global IT company who is now working in the community as an RCMP auxiliary constable. Lyn has been an RCMP auxiliary in Turner Valley for the last eight years, and feels the role helps him to give something back to the community.

During that time he developed the first detailed map of the Eden Valley Reserve south of Turner Valley, making it easier for the emergency services to respond to calls for assistance. Due to his extensive knowledge of the local people and the countryside, Lyn is often called upon to provide guidance when people go missing in the area. He also participates in special community events such as parades, rodeos and fairs.



Outstanding individuals and organizations were honoured at Alberta's Government House for the 20th Annual Crime Prevention Awards.

Victims Assistance Society Honours Long Time Volunteer

On June 20, 2011, Airdrie District Victims Assistance Society hosted an Appreciation Tea for Doreen Fenton, who officially retired from the Board of Directors after 17 years. Fenton began her service with the inception

of the program in Airdrie in 1994 and served as vice chair, secretary, treasurer and events/fundraising coordinator.

Fenton was presented with a RCMP Distinction gift as well as a Certificate of Appreciation by Insp. Hamoir, the Airdrie Detachment Commander.



(L-R): Cst. Rob Frizzell, liaison, Jo Tenant, vice chair, Insp. Tony Hamoir, Airdrie Detachment Commander, Doreen Fenton, retiring board member, Lori Rehill, program director, Sgt. Dennis Esayenko, past liaison/board member, Hal Gordon, board chair.

New Boat Named After Fallen Member

Lac La Biche Detachment received its new boat in 2010. In memory of Cst. Lionide (Leo) Johnston, who was killed in Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2005, it was named "The Cst. Leo

Johnston." Johnston was from the Lac La Biche area and his parents still live in town. His parents were thrilled when they learned the Lac La Biche boat was being named after their son.



(L-R): Cst. Keith Bennett, Lac La Biche Detachment; Sgt. Henry Vandorland, Lac La Biche Detachment; S/Sgt. Steve Visnoski, Detachment Commander, Lac La Biche; S/Sgt. Brian Quist, Eastern Alberta District DANCO; Insp. Brian Sutherland, EAD Operations Officer; Ron Johnston and Grace Johnston, Leo's Johnston's parents; Cpl. Sarah Parke, Lac La Biche Detachment; Cpl. Trevor Cardinal, Lac La Biche Detachment.

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"L" Division

**Headquarters — Charlottetown,
Prince Edward Island**



RCMP Musical Ride Gallops into Prince Edward Island

One of Canada's most recognized events, the RCMP Musical Ride, performed at two locations on Prince Edward Island this past summer – at Lennox Island and in Summerside. The RCMP Musical Ride represents a colourful Canadian tradition with members of the Musical Ride having at least two years experience in active police work before volunteering for duty with the Musical Ride. Of the 32 riders, two members were born on PEI. Cst. Kelli Gaudet was born and raised in Summerside, and Cst. Ben MacConnell was born and raised in Georgetown. The Musical Ride was created in 1876 by early members of the North-West Mounted Police to display their riding ability and entertain the local community. It has evolved over the decades into a uniquely Canadian performance, enjoyed by tens of thousands of spectators each year.

"L" Div. Civilian Members Honoured on 50th Anniversary

The year 2011 marked the 50th anniversary of civilian members providing service to the RCMP across Canada and the Commanding Officer of "L" Div., C/Supt. Tracy Hardy presented commemorative pins to the CMs of "L" Div. during a celebration in Charlottetown, PEI.

The civilian member category of employees was created on April 1, 1960 under the revised RCMP Act, and today more than 3,600 civilian members can be found in almost every part of the RCMP. Civilian members make up 11 per cent of the RCMP workforce and provide direct support to frontline policing. As part of the 50th anniversary, a commemorative lapel pin was created to acknowledge the significant contributions that civilian members have made to the organization and to Canadians.



A number of civilian members of "L" Div. RCMP gathered in Charlottetown during a celebration of the 50-year anniversary in the RCMP.

Civilian members play crucial roles in specialized, administrative and technical positions to support the operational activities of the RCMP, such as telecommunications, computer services, radio technicians, criminal intelligence analysts, and communications strategists. In PEI there are 20 civilian members. Recognizing the 50th anniversary provides the organization with an opportunity to further thank all civilian members for their work, accomplishments and for the positive role they play in Canadian society. Civilian Member's skills, talents and values have greatly enriched the RCMP throughout its history.

"L" Div. Takes Home the Hardware

Members from "L" Div. competed in the 2011 Inter-Service shoot on June 18, 2011 at DND's Alexandra Range. This friendly competition goes back many years and is a great opportunity to forge ties with members of PEI's Reserve units and various law enforcement agencies in PEI.

"L" Div. took home the hardware this year winning the Top Team (Combined Rifle and Pistol) and Sgt. Gary McLeod won Top Shot, Pistol.



(L-R): The team members were Cpl. Chris Goodwin, S/Sgt. Ken Spenceley, S/S/M Larry Kavanagh, team captain, Sgt. Gary McCleod, Cst. Jeff Gillis.

Cavendish Beach Festival Keeps RCMP Busy

Prince Edward Island was host to the third annual Cavendish Beach Music Festival this year and the event was policed using the Incident Command System with unified command between RCMP and Parks Canada. Over 30 acts spread over four days featuring Trace Adkins, Johnny Reid, Brad Paisley, George Canyon, Toby Keith and many more meant that tens of thousands of fans visited the site, keeping the RCMP busy. While the event was a hectic one, and taxing for a small division such as "L," everyone had a great time with promises of a repeat performance next year, with new musical talent!



Cpl. Scott Stevenson, "L" Div. RCMP, and park warden supervisor for the Prince Edward Island National Park, Roger Steadman.



Children at the Mount Stewart Consolidated School in Morell, PEI, enjoy a new playground.

Photo by Brian Simpson

New Playground for Kids in Morell

Cst. Anne O'Shaughnessy, stationed at Scotchford Reserve on PEI, was a key player in the construction of a new playground for the children of the area. Officials from the PEI provincial government and Eastern School District joined to celebrate the opening of the playground, marked with a traditional blessing by Abegweit First Nations elder, Judy Clark.

Several pieces of new equipment, park benches, a gazebo and swing set now adorn the front of the Mount Stewart Consolidated School, providing the children with a new area to enjoy some physical activity.

Involved in the Community



Cpl. Ken Walker's son, S/S/Cst. Kevin Walker, performs in a drum ceremony on Lennox Island First Nation in western Prince Edward Island. This drum ceremony is a great example of how closely S/S/Cst. Walker involves himself in the community, participating in activities and promoting the work of the RCMP.



"M" Division

Headquarters — Whitehorse,
Yukon Territory

RCMP Attend Yukon Historic Site Designation



Cst. Philip Whiles, Chief Kevin McGinty, Yukon Tourism Minister Elaine Taylor and Cst. Stephanie Dewitt as Fort Selkirk was declared a Yukon Historic Site.

Cst. Philip Whiles and Cst. Stephanie Dewitt attended Fort Selkirk for red serge duty on July 12, 2011 as it was being declared a "Yukon Historic Site." A plaque was presented by Selkirk First Nation Chief Kevin McGinty and Yukon Tourism Minister Elaine Taylor. The fort was originally a village for the Selkirk First Nation but was established as a trading post in the 1850s. The fort played a key part in the Klondike Gold Rush due to its location on the Yukon River. At one time, the fort had a population of 1,200 but was abandoned in the early 1950s.

The members met with Ione Christensen, who once lived at Fort Selkirk from 1935 to 1949, and was the daughter of Cpl. Gordon Irwin Cameron of the Northwest Mounted

Police. Cpl. Cameron and his family lived in a small cabin and the dining room doubled as the prisoner cell. Besides his regular duties, Cpl. Cameron was in charge of delivering the mail and medicine, and collecting and burying the dead. Christensen went on to become a justice of the peace, a judge, mayor of Whitehorse, commissioner of the Yukon, and a federal senator.

Fort Selkirk is a one-hour drive and 20 minute boat ride from the village of Pelly Crossing. Approximately 120 people attended the event, including members of the Selkirk First Nation, Yukon Government officials, and other people who either lived at Fort Selkirk in the past or helped to restore it.

"O" Division

Headquarters — London, Ontario



26th Annual Police Memorial Commemoration in Cleveland, Ohio

Each May, the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society sponsors a memorial celebration in conjunction with National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15).

Some of the events include a parade through downtown Cleveland followed by a service at the memorial, a luncheon, a police collectors show, a mass and breakfast.

The law enforcement community and the general public gather together in remembrance, fellowship and celebration to "Honor our Fallen."



(L-R): S/Sgt. Paul Dickinson, Cst. Randy Simmons, Mona Duggan, Cpl. Heather Dickinson and Cpl. Howard Adams.

This year the 26th Annual Police Commemoration was held on the weekend of May 18-22, 2011 and S/Sgt. Paul Dickinson, Cpl. Heather Dickinson, Cpl. Howard Adams, Mona Duggan (Halton Police Chorus and Cpl. Adam's spouse) and Cst. Randy Simmons were in attendance to represent the RCMP.

This marked the 22nd year that Cpl. Adams has made the trek to Cleveland for the memorial. "I think it is so important for us as Canadians to show our support to our American counterparts who have lost officers in the line of duty," Cpl. Adams said. "We are always treated so well, not only by the organizers of the memorial but by the citizens of Cleveland too. Everyone is so gracious and appreciative of our presence."

Cpl. Heather Dickinson echoed that sentiment. "My husband and I have attended for the last five years now and I am always overwhelmed with the level of gratitude that our American colleagues show us."

The RCMP is honoured to provide support and camaraderie to all of our policing brothers and sisters who all too often mourn the loss of one of our own.

See you next year, Cleveland.

Until then, be safe.

New Drop-In Centre in Orangeville Provides More than Shelter

In addition to providing a safe, warm haven, Gateway Community Centre located at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Orangeville, is a hub for access to programs and services for those in need.

RCMP "O" Div.'s Drugs and Organized Crime Awareness coordinator, Cpl. Heather Dickinson and Cst. Scott Davis, of Orangeville Police Service, were pleased to be the guests of honour at the Gateway Community Centre's first ever community day!

The officers gave a presentation and provided valuable information about illicit drug use to more than 80 participants, ranging in age from toddlers to seniors.

The original concept of the Gateway Community Centre was to provide a location



(L-R): Michelle Roach, Todd Gilmore, Maria Cariou (Canadian Diabetes Association), Gurmel Gill, Kameel Shah, Ramus Labiapari, Tracey Coates.

Photo by John Gieruszczak

in Dufferin County, where displaced people could access services to help with any number of health and safety risks that are associated with homelessness.

Since that time however, the idea has blossomed into a much more encompassing community program where on-site and visiting professionals provide life skills, anger management classes, literacy classes, art therapy, children's mental health education and other programs, all at no cost.

The Gateway Community Centre steering group has more than 40 members representing more than 20 agencies and organizations in Dufferin County.

"O" Div. RCMP applauds the efforts of everyone who made the community centre a reality and wishes continued success for Gateway and those people using its services.

For more information about the Gateway Community Centre please visit their website at <http://www.gatewaycommunitycentre.com>.

Toronto North Detachment's Generosity Shines during National Public Service Week

National Public Service Week (NPSW) at "O" Div's Toronto North Detachment not only meant celebrating their contributions as federal employees but also meant taking the opportunity to help those less fortunate.

Almost every activity that was planned for NPSW had a charitable theme. During the entire week members and employees collected a few hundred pounds of used clothing in support of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

They also organized a detachment BBQ and "Guess Who" contest, both of which raised several hundred dollars for Cancer Research and the Haitian Orphanage Enfant Jésus.

Officers at Toronto North Detachment sponsored an "Employee Appreciation Coffee Break" with assorted healthy fare from Tim Horton's offered to all members and employees in appreciation for the work that they do.

And lastly, to help curb the effects of the additional calories from the "coffee break,"

outdoor exercise sessions with Tai Chi and Boot Camp themes were arranged during lunch break.

All of the activities were delivered through donations of time, supplies and/or money.

Once again the members and employees at "O" Div's Toronto North detachment demonstrated that they work hard, play hard and in everything they do - help those less fortunate too.

RCMP London Gives to Charity during National Public Service Week

As employees of the RCMP we are a part of a larger group of Canadians who make up one of the most highly respected public service in the world.

Since its launch in 1992, National Public Service Week (NPSW) has recognized and celebrated the work and achievements of the women and men of the Public Service of Canada.

London area RCMP employees hosted events throughout NPSW (June 12-18, 2011) and took advantage of the celebrations to raise money for some very worthy causes.

"O" Div. Headquarters and London Detachment hosted a coffee with the Commanding Officer, a pizza lunch, 50/50 draw and a health walk during the week and as a result raised over \$600 for the London Food Bank and the Orphanage Enfant Jésus in Haiti.

The Orphanage Enfant Jésus

More than a year after the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the plight of survivors continues. Rubble and debris landscapes the region; more than 500 camps provide shelters for those millions of people who remain without a home; approximately 5,000 schools remain unattended due to damage or have been destroyed altogether; health and sanitation issues are a constant threat; food and water are in short supply.

The Orphanage Enfant Jésus in Haiti is home to 35 children and two elderly nuns. The earthquake changed the needs of the children living there from bad to dire; to the degree that members who are serving in Haiti are contributing a portion of their own pay to buy food for the children.

Windsor area Police Collaborate for a Great Cause

Earlier in the year, after having been deployed on a UN Mission in Haiti, "O" Div's Sgt. Marc Birs identified desperate need for food and personal care items for the children living at the Orphanage Enfant Jésus in the earthquake ravaged country.

Since that time, RCMP "O" Div. has been embarking on a number of fundraising campaigns to help care for the 35 children living at the orphanage.

On June 23rd, RCMP Windsor hosted a barbeque for the Orphanage Enfant Jésus, and in a welcome show of support, members from other local police services including Chatham-Kent Police, Amherstburg Police and Lasalle Police attended.

As a result, Windsor area police together raised more than \$823. for the impoverished Haitian children.

On behalf of Sgt. Marc Birs, all of the UN members deployed to Haiti, RCMP "O" Div. and the 35 children and two nuns living at the orphanage, thank you Windsor!

Sirens for Life Kicks off in Newmarket

It's a rallying cry that police, fire and paramedic services are the first to respond to. The three branches of emergency services are pumping up for this year's Sirens for Life campaign, an annual battle that gets a little bloody and, in so doing, saves a lot of lives. In partnership with Canadian Blood Services, this year's emergency services blood donor challenge runs from July 1 to Sept. 5 as the three branches compete to donate the most blood. Although the competition for bragging rights is friendly, every police, fire or EMS worker knows the importance of blood.

On June 29, Kim Oxley, community development coordinator at Canadian Blood Services, presented Certificates of Recognition to Insp. Todd Gilmore, Officer in Charge at RCMP Toronto North Detachment, in recognition of the sites ongoing contributions to patients in need of blood. The spotlight was also shared with Cst. Paul Faris, in recognition of his 79 donations to date, and S/Sgt. Freeman Sweazey who has made 45 donations.

For this year's Canadian Blood Services' Sirens for Life blood donor challenge, the goal



Police, fire and paramedic services competed to donate blood in the Sirens for Life campaign.

is to collect 1,100 units of blood and to increase the number of young, ethnically diverse registrants on the One Match Stem Cell and Marrow Network.

"The need for blood doesn't take a summer vacation and police, fire and EMS workers know this more than most. That's one of the reasons the workers of each branch are rallying together and rolling up their sleeves to donate the most blood for their community," says Kim Oxley, community development coordinator at Canadian Blood Services.

Toronto North Detachment has been part of Canadian Blood Services' Partners for Life program since 2008. Since joining as partners the detachment has helped to save up to 360 lives and is well on the way to reaching this year's goal of 40 donations.

Don't forget to register your blood donation under the RCMP, Toronto North Division's Partner for Life number, #RCMP005540. Every donation made under this number will help them reach their target, and save up to 120 lives in 2011.

Call 1-888-2DONATE (1-888-236-6284) to book an appointment and register for the Sirens for Life campaign at www.blood.ca!

RCMP Toronto North Leads the Way to Green Commuting

Partnered with Smart Commute Central York, York Region, MetroLinx, and the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce, RCMP Toronto North (TN) has become a local champion for green commuting initiatives.

The aim of the Smart Commute program is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce traffic congestion and promote a healthier lifestyle.

Beginning May 1, 2011, the RCMP Toronto North established six reserved car pool parking spots near the front of the building. To date, four of the six spots have been reserved with 13 commuters sharing four rides.

As part of the TN Smart Commute initiative, participating RCMP Toronto North employees access carpoolzone.ca in order to track commutes and journeys.

Over the course of one year, it's estimated that taking one car off of the road for two 20-minute drives, five days a week, saves six tonnes of carbon emissions annually.

With many Toronto North commuters driving triple that distance, the environmental



RCMP Toronto North organized carpooling initiatives to reduce carbon emissions.

benefits almost outweigh the monetary savings - although it is nice to feel a little heavier in the pocketbook too!

In addition to having reserved carpool spots, 13 employees at the site also participated in the National Bike-to-Work Day which took place on May 30, 2011. Many employees are now choosing to bicycle to work every day, saving money on gas and maintenance as well as promoting fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

The RCMP Toronto North's Tracy Gualberto won the grand prize at Bike-to-Work Day breakfast: a Rocky Mountain commuter bike. Sponsored by partner Spoke O'Motion, the bike was valued at \$700. It was a great way to start the summer bike commute season and everyone was a winner.

Pedal and carpool safely.

Bethanys Hope "Rocked the Park 8"

The "hottest" Rock the Park on record didn't stop 65 members, employees and family members of the RCMP HQ and London Detachment from volunteering countless hours to prepare and maintain Harris park for the annual event in support of Bethany's Hope Foundation.

Bethanys Hope Foundation

Bethany, the seventh child of David and Lindey McIntyre, was born in London, Ont., on April 1, 1993.

Aug. 12, 1995 after an exhaustive eight months of tests this little 2½ year old was diagnosed with a terrible disease - Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD).

Immediately following Bethany's diagnosis in August 1995 with a terminal illness, Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD), Lindey and Dave McIntyre recognized that her only hope was research! Their medical team had informed them that there was nothing that could be done. There was no hope for Bethany. Due to a lack of funding there was very little MLD Research being conducted anywhere around the world with the exception of Dr. John Barranger at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre.

Determined to make a difference, the McIntyre family, their friends and co-workers from the RCMP formed Bethanys Hope Committee. They were committed to raise research capitol and during the first 12 months of operation this small but dedicated

group of volunteers raised over \$100,000. through donations, golf tournaments, bingos, barbeques and a charity gala ball in support of Dr. Barranger's Research.

This was a wonderful accomplishment, however, it became apparent that significant additional funds would be necessary to conduct the concentrated research required to find the answers they desperately sought. They also realized that a Canadian Research program to collaborate with Dr. Barranger in Pittsburgh had to be established to qualify as a registered Canadian charity.

A Board of Directors was established and the original small committee was incorporated in the province of Ontario as a non-profit public foundation on July 26, 1996. They changed the name to Bethanys Hope Foundation (BHF) and became a registered Canadian charity on Jan. 1, 1998.

On July 17, 2000 after a courageous, dignified five-year struggle with this terrible disease, Bethany slipped away in her parents arms surrounded in love and peace; in the same hospital she was born just seven years, three months and sixteen days prior.

Events like Rock the Park would not be possible without the participation of volunteers like those from our London RCMP community. Rock the Park 8 raised nearly \$155,000. to bring the eight year total to over \$1,200,000. for the Bethanys Hope Leukodystrophy Research Laboratory located in London, Ont.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who endured the heat and the rain to make this year's three-day concert event a huge success!

The Grey Bruce Meth Task Force "Rocked the Beach"

The Grey Bruce Meth Task Force was established to address problems with respect to the illicit use of the drug crystal methamphetamine in the counties of Grey and Bruce.

The Task Force was established as a result of the disturbing picture presented in a report released in March 2009 at a community meeting in Walkerton. The local concerns identified in the report and confirmed at the community meeting include the following.

- the increasing prevalence of crystal meth use
- the addictive nature of the drug with long-term negative consequences
- the profound impact of use on the user and on the user's loved ones
- the negative impact on the service system and the broader community
- the lack of parent and community awareness and
- need for the justice system to provide strong deterrents to the production, sale and use of crystal meth.

The Task Force has adopted what is considered a best practice model for developing a comprehensive and coordinated drug strategy to address four distinct but inter-related areas requiring intervention: enforcement, harm reduction, prevention and education, and treatment.

The goal of the Task Force is to guide action on the recommendations identified in the Report.

Specifically:

- working with the court system and local police to strengthen enforcement strategies
- working with first responders (police, fire, ambulance and others) on harm reduction strategies
- implementing a large scale education, awareness and prevention campaign Grey Bruce wide and
- implementing a number of treatment strategies for people affected by crystal meth use.

In keeping with the education and awareness portion of the strategy, members of the Meth Task Force attended the "Rock the Beach" concert held at Sauble Beach on July 16-17, 2011. Members provided valuable information about the dangers of crystal meth and the severe health risks that the drug imposes.

"V" Division

Headquarters — Iqaluit, Nunavut



"V" Div. ERT on the Land in Pond Inlet

On May 26, 2011, members of the "V" Div. ERT team responded to a call at the Hamlet of Pond Inlet where a male had fired shots, and then fled by skidoo to a cabin out on the land.

Members of "V" Div. ERT and incident commander boarded MPV and headed towards Pond Inlet. Upon reaching Pond Inlet's airspace, members were able to get up close and personal with the fjords, a long, narrow inlet of the sea, bordered by steep cliffs, as they tried to locate the cabin occupied by the gunman. After a couple passes, the cabin was located and MPV touched down in Pond Inlet.



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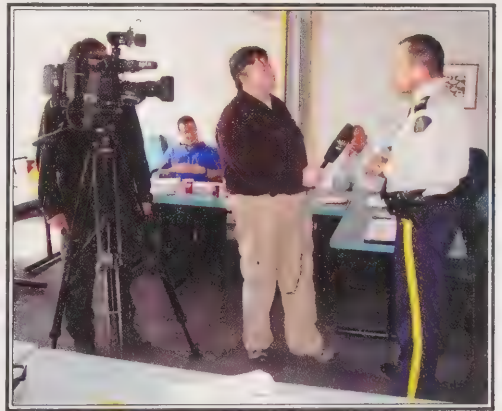
Then, members of "V" Div. ERT, the incident commander, members from Pond Inlet detachment, and a member of SAR boarded a convoy of snowmobiles, equipped with qamutiks, and headed out on the sea ice

towards the cabin. After arriving in the cabin's vicinity, members of "V" Div. ERT approached the cabin on foot and located and arrested the suspect who had a rifle in his possession.

"V" Div. ERT escorted the suspect back to the Hamlet via skidoo and qamutik, while enjoying a scenic view of the mountains.

Situations such as this one highlight the uniqueness of serving in the North, as well as the logistical and environmental challenges that members of "V" Div. must overcome to get the job done.

"V" Div. Hosts Media Course for RM's in Iqaluit



S/Sgt. Steven Bergerman, district advisory NCO – Iqaluit, is interviewed by APTN as part of a practical exercise on "V" Div. media course.

An RCMP media relations course was held May 10-12, 2011 in Iqaluit, Nunavut. Commanding Officer of "V" Div., C/Supt. Steve McVarnock invited Jocelyn Couture (senior communications advisor - West Region) and Sgt. Paul Dawson ("F" Div. media relations officer) to facilitate a media course to 11 "V" Div. regular members. The three-day course gave candidates practical skills to



A group photo of course candidates during a tour at CBC studios in Iqaluit.

deal effectively with the media throughout the division. As part of the course, candidates toured the local CBC broadcast studios in Iqaluit and saw firsthand the working environment for local media. Representatives from the local media participated in a panel discussion that gave insight into the challenges and frustrations for each profession. As part of the final assessment for the course, the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network participated in mock interviews with the candidates. The

invited media really enjoyed participating in the course and especially meeting some of the fine members of "V" Div.

By Sgt. Paul Dawson

Nunavut Police Experience Program

The RCMP in "V" Div. just completed the fourth consecutive year of training for the Nunavut Police Experience Program on June 17, 2011. This year, 13 students will venture



This year, 13 students will venture back to their home communities to work with their local RCMP detachments for the summer months, after completing the Nunavut Police Experience Program.

back to their home communities to work with their local RCMP detachments for the summer months.

These summer students will assist RCMP officers with low-risk, non-emergency situations and will become familiar with the roles and responsibilities of a regular member in the RCMP. The summer students will also take a lead role in community policing and crime prevention. The students will focus on youth initiatives and programs which promote safer homes and communities.

By Cpl. Beryl Lewis

Iqaluit Jail 'n' Bail Fundraiser

On June 17, 2011, the RCMP summer students practiced their newly acquired skills that they learned during their week-long training program held in Iqaluit, NU. The students went around all afternoon on the 17th and "arrested" local citizens for a Jail 'n' Bail fundraiser held to raise money for the Niqinik Nuatsivik Nunavut Food Bank. Those "incarcerated" were released only after pledging donations to the food bank. This initiative raised approximately \$3600. for the food bank and took a big bite out of hunger!

By Cpl. Beryl Lewis



Summer students raised money for the local food bank.

Photo by Jim Bell, courtesy of Nunatsiq News

Aboriginal Day in Nunavut

June 21, 2011, marked National Aboriginal Day and to celebrate, RCMP detachments all across Nunavut held barbeques for their respective communities. Local merchants donated food, drinks, and prizes in many communities and members volunteered to barbeque. This initiative was widely received in the communities, and for some were the only event planned to mark the occasion.

By Tracey Butler



Cst. Russell Akeagok and Cpl. Beryl Lewis.

PROFILING...

CPL. MITCH OWENS (RTD.)



Cpl. Mitch Owens (Rtd.).

The Second World War was in its early years, and Mitch Owens recalls his tough choice. Accepted by both the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, he chose to become a Mountie.

"Out west where I was from, the Force had a special air about them," says the native of Cook's Creek, Manitoba. "So, in some respects, it was an easy decision despite the pull of becoming a fly boy."

Now 90 years old, Owens remembers with fondness his 21-year career in the Force.

"I have always been grateful for the opportunity to serve. The Force took a youngster who had ridden the rails and hustled a variety of odd jobs during the Depression and gave him a career."

After a nine-month stint of basic training at "Depot" Div. and at Rockcliffe, Owen's first assignment was in war-time Nova Scotia,

where his duties included the liquor squad, catching ship-jumpers illegally entering Canada, intelligence surveillance, and general police work in North Sydney, Cape Breton.

His police resume took a dramatic turn when he put in for northern service and, in 1944, he boarded the *St. Roch*, the Force's legendary ice breaker, as it set out on the east-west leg of its route through the Northwest Passage. Deposited on the shores of Pond Inlet on the northern tip of Baffin Island, Owens joined a two-man detachment which, at the time, was the most northern police outpost in the British Commonwealth.



Cst. Mitch Owens in 1942.

Recalling his preparation for a posting hundreds of kilometres inside the Arctic Circle, Owens is adamant that the Force's presence in the far north was a key factor in extending Canada's sovereignty in the Arctic.

"We were census takers, we determined family benefits, we were empowered to permit and deny entry. I even had a certificate as a mines and dynamite inspector. In short, we represented many government institutions."

"Thankfully," he adds, "there wasn't much police work as the Inuit were peaceful, kind, and law-abiding."

Unofficially, there was also serious and much-needed work for Owens to do as an amateur dentist, mid-wife and family physician.

In his three-year assignment to the far north, Owens developed a permanent affection for the land and indigenous people. It's not difficult to imagine the culture shock of a prairie boy eating nothing but fish and seal meat, usually served raw. He grappled with and eventually mastered a new language, new customs and a new mode of travel as he spent weeks on end patrolling his massive beat, which included the northern half of Baffin Island by dogsled. At one point, he personally had a pack of 47 Huskie dogs to care for.

Coming out of the North in 1947 on a harrowing cargo plane flight, Owens returned to "H" Div. and general police work. But the fact that Owens could speak and understand several Slavic-based languages – including Ukrainian and Polish – came to his superiors' attention. Owens was soon assigned as an immigration officer to England, where he interviewed would-be immigrants from Eastern Europe who wanted to settle in Canada.

With his wife, Stella, and a growing family, he returned to Canada and settled down on a farm south of Ottawa in the township of Gloucester, a thinly populated but sprawling municipality of almost 300 square kilometres, from where, for a decade, he commuted to "A" Div. and his job with S & I. He retired from the Force in 1963.

Ever restless and predicting a need for affordable housing in the growing region, he decided to build a mobile homes park. While he didn't possess much knowledge of plumbing or electricity, he did have energy, a backhoe, and, eventually, two teen-aged sons. The park – still in operation – grew to a community of 75 families.

Encouraged by neighbours, Owens embarked on a third career: local politics, winning his first election as councillor for

the township in 1966. Over the following 25 years, he was elected to a variety of positions – councillor, deputy reeve, regional councillor, and eventually mayor of Gloucester as that city grew to a population of over 100,000 residents.

Leaving politics at the age of 70 in 1991, Mitch finally retired and split his time between his 150-year old stone house in Gloucester, located, coincidentally enough, on Mitch Owens Road (by order of city council in 1991) and his vacation home situated a block from Indian Rocks Beach south of Clearwater, Florida. In both places, he has been able to indulge his passion for fishing.

Although officially retired from the RCMP for 47 years, Owens never really left the Force. He became involved in the Veterans' Association, was elected its national president in 1988, and has always tried to make as many divisional and regimental events as he can.

Mitch has made two trips to his beloved north since his retirement and keeps in regular contact with Moses Kayak, (the son of his original guide in Pond Inlet) who occasionally fishes for him "by proxy" when Owens gets a hunger for arctic char.

By John Owens

**John Owens is Mitch Owen's son.*

2011 AGM Held in Newfoundland



Board of Directors and Division delegates at "B" Div. headquarters for lunch with A/Commr. William Smith, Commanding Officer, "B" Div.

The 87th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the RCMP Veterans' Association was held at the Sheraton Newfoundland Hotel in St. John's from May 19–22, 2011. This year's AGM was hosted by the Newfoundland and Labrador division of the RCMP Veterans' Association. It was the third occasion that the AGM was held in St. John's, following successful events in 1985 and 1997.

Members of the Newfoundland and Labrador division and their spouses extended warm hospitality to veterans, spouses and friends from across the country. All the necessary meetings and functions were carried out, and various annual reports were received and dealt with during formal meeting sessions.

However, the important part of any gathering is the informal activities, and the 2011 AGM was no exception. Everyone in attendance visited The Gathering Place on a regular basis, an informal hospitality room adjacent to the atrium in the hotel. Volunteers were on hand to extend hospitality that helped visitors share experiences, meet old friends and make some new ones. The Gathering Place was well patronized and much appreciated by all.

St John's, the City of Legends, has much to offer visitors. There was free time for people at the AGM to wander the streets of downtown St. John's; bus tours for spouses; a visit to historic locations such as Signal Hill, Cape Spear (the most easterly point in North



Octogenarians attended Soiree 2011 at RCMP Veterans' Association AGM. (L-R) Front row: Ross Caviel, Tim Hoban, RCMP Veterans' Association president, Frank Christian, Harold Searle. Second row: Cal Small, RCMP Veterans' Association vice president, Josh Purney, Art Nickerson, Ed Trefry, Blake McIntosh, Jim Forsyth, Kelly LeBrash, Ed Kurtz, Lloyd Goodyear, Clare Dent.

America), and Petty Harbour. The spousal program also included lunch on Saturday complete with local entertainment.

The Commanding Officer of "B" Div. hosted a luncheon for directors and delegates at Division headquarters. The President's Reception on Friday evening included entertainment by The Spirit of Newfoundland productions. Members of the audience were fully engaged in the performance. And, 325 people attended the formal dinner and dance on Saturday evening, with music provided by another local group called Exodus.

The Sunday morning church parade was well attended, with veterans and their spouses filling the centre section of historic St. Thomas' Anglican Church. Veterans and spouses carried out a number of duties during the service. Following a welcome from the rector, the service "belonged" to the Association. Reverend Reg Frampton, who is retiring as chaplain of the Newfoundland and Labrador Division, presented his chaplain's stole to Rev. Donna Mercer, the incoming chaplain. President Tim Hoban and past president Larry Power read scriptures. Rev. Donna Mercer preached the sermon.

Following the service, there was a march past during which A/Commr. Bill Smith (Commanding Officer, "B" Div.) took the salute. Joining him on the reviewing stand were Rev. John Paul Westin, the rector of St. Thomas' Church, president Tim Hoban, past president Larry Power, and chaplain Rev. Donna Mercer. A Newfoundland lobster dinner on Sunday afternoon was the closing event of the 2011 AGM. Once again, local groups provided entertainment for everyone in attendance.

Dedication Honours First President of RCMP Veterans' Association

On April 14, 2011, a dedication ceremony was held at Burnsland Cemetery in Calgary, Alta., where a footstone was placed on the grave of Colonel James Walker, the first president of the RCMP Veterans' Association. It was the first time that the grave was marked with a stone indicating that the late Colonel was a member of the North West Mounted Police and the association's first president. The footstone was placed on the grave in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the RCMP Veterans' Association.



Mary Lynas removes the covering to the footstone.

After the unveiling of the footstone by Mary Lynas, granddaughter of the late Colonel Walker, Rev. Larry Nicolay gave a fitting dedication. During the ceremony, associate member Bill Sturgeon provided music with his bagpipes, playing two pieces – “Flowers of the Forest” and “Amazing Grace.” An honour guard of 14 current members of the RCMP was joined by a good number of veterans in their red and blue blazers. Lee Richardson, MP for Calgary Centre, along with Jack Marshall, chairman of the board for Fort Calgary and Sara-Jane Gruetzner, president and CEO of Fort Calgary, were also in attendance. This was a fitting tribute to an individual who, in 1975, was declared the “Citizen of the Century” in the city of Calgary. Regrettably, five weeks after the dedication ceremony Mary Lynas passed away after suffering a fall.

Okanagan Division Honours Fallen Officers

On July 5, 2010, the Okanagan Division of the RCMP Veterans’ Association organized a dedication ceremony to place a plaque on the Cenotaph at Rutland Lions Park in Kelowna. The plaque reads: “Honouring all Peace Officers who have died in the line of duty. May their brave spirits soar. We give thanks for them, and all who still protect and serve. Unveiled May 23, 2010. Okanagan RCMP, Veterans Association.”



Ross Carviel, president of the RCMP Veterans’ Association Okanagan Division, with the proclamation.

Subsequent, to the dedication ceremony, Kelowna Mayor, Sharon Shepherd suggested that the City of Kelowna should designate a day to issue a proclamation to recognize the tremendous commitment and service provided by members of the Kelowna RCMP Detachment to the community. On May 5, 2011, Mayor Sharon Shepherd presented a framed copy of the proclamation to members of the detachment. Those in attendance at the event included Mayor Shepherd, RCMP members from the detachment and members of the Okanagan Division RCMP Veterans’ Association.

Meeting of North West Mounted Police Veterans Celebrated

On April 16, 2011, the Calgary Division of the RCMP Veterans’ Association held a formal Mess Dinner at Fort Calgary. The dinner recognized the historic first meeting on April 16, 1886 of 24 Ex-Mounted Police (North West Mounted Police - NWMP) members in the city of Calgary. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together a group of former members to care for NWMP Veterans after they left the Force. The meeting, reported in the April 17, 1886 edition of the *Calgary Herald* newspaper, resulted in a slate of members being elected to run the affairs of the new organization. The elected executive were:

- President – Major (later Col.) James Walker (Reg. No. O.18)
- Vice-President – Mr. G.C. King (Reg. No. 304 os *)
- Secretary – Mr. Alexander J. Gilmour (Reg. No. 131)
- Treasurer – Mr. John G. Ellis (Reg. No. 449 os */Reg. No. 80 new)
- Physician – Dr. John D. Lauder (Reg. No. 15) (OS* denotes “Old Series” numbers)

Veterans, spouses, serving members and guests – 117 people in total – enjoyed a superb meal and entertainment. The attendees included Veteran Division presidents from Edmonton and Red Deer. Regina Division was also represented.

The original executives were profiled at the dinner. A highlight of the evening was Calgary Veteran Dallas Langenberger donating a hand-

carved carousel style "Musical Ride Horse" to Fort Calgary. Dal spent over 600 hours on this project, which is now on display at the Fort. A video was taken by Fort Calgary staff prior to and during the dinner. Its premier showing was enjoyed by all. The video includes Dallas explaining how he crafted the horse. It also outlines our veterans volunteer activities and recognizes the association's 125th anniversary. It brings greetings from Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi as well as Fort Calgary board chairman Jack Marshall. These, along with other veteran-related materials were sealed in a time capsule and locked inside the horse on May 23, 2011, which marks the 138th birthday of the RCMP. The capsule will be opened in 2075, the 200th anniversary of the building of Fort Calgary.

To recognize this special occasion, attendees were given 125th anniversary coins in a special pouch designed for the occasion. If you are wondering, the horse was named "Sam" after Samuel Steele, NWMP.

Royal Watchers! Who's watching who?

RCMP Calgary veterans are indebted to Brewster Bus Lines, of Banff, Alta., for making their antique 1938 white touring car available to the Division to participate in the annual Calgary Stampede parade. They have done so for many years. This year, while on their Royal tour of Canada, Prince William and Kate Middleton watched the RCMP Veterans' vehicle pass by.



RCMP Calgary veterans participated in the Calgary Stampede.

Troop Reunions



(L-R): First row: Cst. Peter Chapman (Rtd.), Cpl. Gary Duffett, S/Sgt. Mike Harvey, Insp. Sylvain Joyal (Rtd.), S/Sgt. Ron Horie (Rtd.). Second row: Cst. Rob Creassar (Rtd.), Sgt. Rick Fraser, S/Sgt. Steve Boos, C/Supt. Jacques Desilets, and Cst. Clarence Koots (Rtd.).

Troop 8 Comes Together

On July 20, 2011, 10 members, including retired members of Troop 8 (1981/82) gathered in Regina at “Depot” for their 30-year reunion. A big thank you to Cpl. Daryl Chernoff, who gave us a tour of “Depot,”

which included our old barracks, Building B2. (There wasn’t much left after 30 years). A very big thank you goes out to A/Commr. Roger Brown for taking time out not just to visit with us during our troop dinner, but as well to stop by the campsite and visit with family members.



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Name & Rank	Reg. No.	Division	Date	Name & Rank	Reg. No.	Division	Date
Armen, M.A.	C/8572	"HQ"	09-04-16	Murray, Sgt. T.A.	39080	"B"	10-10-15
Bégin, Sgt. J.É.É.	41797	"C"	09-09-04	Panchuk, S.J.S.	C/8856	"O"	09-11-27
Bairos, Cpl. D.M.	48998	"D"	10-11-15	Penner, S.B.	C/7370	"HQ"	09-08-17
Beers, Cpl. C.L.	47959	"O"	08-04-01	Poon, Sgt. R.	47404	"K"	09-09-21
Bellows, S/Sgt. L.L.	36271	"K"	10-05-01	Robinson, Cpl. H.N.	52905	"F"	10-11-15
Bilusack, Cpl. R.H.	36591	"O"	08-12-31	Sabourin, C.E.	C/8444	"HQ"	09-04-01
Bissonnette, M.F.D.	C/4319	"HQ"	09-04-01	Schuliakewich, Cpl. R.	41845	"O"	10-09-13
Blaylock, Cpl. L.D.	45334	"K"	10-10-04	Sills, Sgt. S.G.	39905	"O"	10-04-01
Bouchard, Cpl. J.C.P.	49872	"V"	10-11-24	Sloan, Cpl. M.D.	48122	"K"	10-10-28
Brown, S/Sgt. D.J.	29164	"H"	07-11-10	Striker, Sgt. N.D.	43956	"E"	09-04-01
Brown, Sgt. J.H.	43876	"K"	10-05-11	Stuart, Cpl. J.C.	45290	"E"	09-05-19
Brown, S/Sgt. S.E.	35878	"O"	08-05-06	Tournier, S/Sgt. R.E.J.	41411	"V"	10-11-03
Capra, Cpl. A.A.	50961	"O"	10-03-02	Wang, Y.S.	C/8827	"O"	09-10-29
Cloutier, Cpl. M.J.R.	51222	"E"	10-10-01	Waroway, D.E.	C/6115	"HQ"	09-04-01
Cunningham, S/Sgt. R.H.	39973	"K"	10-11-17	Welter, Sgt. J.F.	47899	"F"	10-11-10
Dowden, S/Sgt. R.D.	44461	"E"	10-09-15	Zavarise, Cpl. D.	38810	"O"	10-11-18
Duguay, Cpl. P.A.	50724	"V"	10-06-29	Zazulak, Cpl. C.P.	45396	"K"	08-07-01
Eagan, Cpl. C.D.	49533	"H"	10-09-12				
Elliott, Cpl. J.C.	49434	"E"	10-09-10				
Fletcher, Cpl. S.W.	50107	"K"	10-10-15				
Flower, S/Sgt. M.E.S.	37281	"O"	10-10-20				
Gaunce, Cpl. S.J.	47643	"J"	08-12-05				
Gilholme, S/Sgt. E.I.	38966	"E"	10-10-29				
Gillies, Cpl. T.C.	50825	"E"	09-08-14				
Graves, M.K.R.	C/8709	"HQ"	10-09-15				
Harding, Cpl. R.L.	42396	"O"	09-08-13				
Hasey, Sgt. A.B.	42451	"O"	09-03-01				
Hearns, N.G.R.	C/8649	"HQ"	10-06-30				
Helm, A.S.	C/5948	"D"	09-05-13				
Hodge, Cpl. R.R.	50286	"K"	10-10-27				
Irwin, Cpl. S.L.	49037	"F"	10-10-18				
Kielbiski, Cpl. C.J.	50449	"V"	09-07-22				
Knecht, D/Commr. R.R. O.1789		"HQ"	10-07-01				
Lapointe, Cpl. M.D.L.	46121	"O"	10-09-27				
Lee, S/Sgt. H.	43785	"E"	10-09-30				
Lyall, Cpl. T.A.	47164	"V"	09-11-02				
Marshall, Sgt. R.A.	46791	"D"	09-05-10				
Maxwell, Sgt. D.G.	36950	"E"	08-10-10				
Moreau, Sgt. J.J.M.	43660	"C"	10-04-08				

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Name & Rank	Reg. No.	Division	Date	Name & Rank	Reg. No.	Division	Date
Ancil, Cpl. J.P.	37893	"T"	10-11-13	Gillis, Cpl. G.P.	42781	"E"	10-11-04
Baker, S.M.	C/5487	"K"	10-11-25	Hett, Cst. V.L.	52373	"E"	10-11-13
Behm, Cst. T.J.	36363	"E"	10-11-04	Hoehn, Cpl. C.W.	36464	"HQ"	10-11-02
Bennett, Cpl. J.B.	32410	"O"	10-11-04	Johnson, Cpl. M.W.	37068	"H"	10-11-18
Biron, J.R.S.	C/1878	"C"	10-11-18	Maciver, Cpl. L.D.	33043	"H"	10-11-18
Chatterjee, J.	C/4517	"HQ"	10-11-16	MacKillop, Cst. G.K.	47528	"H"	10-11-18
Clark, Cst. T.M.	34252	"E"	10-11-16	Martin, S/Sgt. J.A.R.	32741	"HQ"	10-11-04
Cormier, Cst. P.J.	42481	"O"	10-11-04	Martin, M.A.C.	C/3356	"HQ"	10-11-04
Cox, Cpl. G.L.	36451	"E"	10-11-04	McDiarmid, S/Sgt. C.H.	31963	"HQ"	10-11-02
Cunningham, Cpl. J.G.	35269	"E"	10-11-03	Mullen, Sgt. B.W.	38766	"J"	10-11-02
Densmore, Sgt. E.R.	32984	"H"	10-11-05	Prpick-Boss, S.A.	C/5614	"G"	10-11-04
Fraser, S/Sgt. W.S.	36318	"K"	10-11-16	Sample, Cpl. D.H.	34982	"H"	10-11-03
Frith, Cpl. S.P.	34814	"O"	10-11-27	Scott, S/Sgt. S.J.	32548	"H"	10-11-04
Gamache, J.A.C.	C/1891	"C"	10-11-04	Sweet, Cpl. D.C.	35575	"O"	10-11-04

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BARKER Reg. No. 19207, S/S/M William Davies Barker (Rtd.), 90, died May 12, 2011, at Nepean, ON. Born Jan. 16, 1921, at Hollyburn, BC, he joined the Force Dec. 10, 1949, at Ottawa, ON. He served in "A" Div. as a civilian carpenter and bandsman. He became a regular member on Jan. 1, 1956, serving in "A" and "HQ" Divs., until retiring Jan. 16, 1979. He previously served with the Royal Canadian Air Force from Dec. 6, 1940 – July 25, 1946. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, 1939-45 War Medal, Defence Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. He received a Commissioner's Commendation for the development of a highway patrol equipment case.

BELL Reg. No. 22603, S/Sgt. Walter Merlin Bell (Rtd.), 68, died July 10, 2011, at Calgary, AB. Born Sept. 18, 1942, at Colgate, SK, he joined the Force May 30, 1962, at Regina, SK. Upon completion of training at "N" Div., he served in "E," "HQ" and "O" Divs., until transferring to CSIS July 15, 1984. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

BORYS Reg. No. 0.955, Insp. Peter John Borys (Rtd.), 77, died Dec. 26, 2010, at Ottawa, ON. Born June 13, 1933, at Phone Hill, SK, he joined the Force Dec. 9, 1952, at Winnipeg, MB. Upon completion of training at "Fairmont" and "Depot," he served in "L," "J" and "HQ" until retiring Jan. 14, 1988. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

CASEMENT Reg. No. 21989, Sgt. William Joseph George Casement (Rtd.), 69, died July 7, 2011, at Howick, QC. Born May 10, 1942, at Montreal, QC, he joined the Force June 1, 1961, at Montreal, QC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "C" Div., until transferring to CSIS July 15, 1984. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

DAOUST Reg. No. 15440, S/Sgt. Louis Joseph Daoust (Rtd.), 81, died June 28, 2011, at Bromont, QC. Born Oct. 24, 1929, at Plantagenet, ON, he joined the Force June 4, 1948, at Ottawa, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "C" Div., until retiring March 1, 1970. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

DAY C/1817, Colleen Dianne Day (Rtd.), 65, died July 11, 2011, at Calgary, AB. Born July 19, 1945, at Calgary, AB, she joined the Force Aug. 5, 1975, at Calgary, AB, as a C/M technician and was posted to "K" Div., where she served until being medically discharged Aug. 5, 2000. She was awarded a C/M Medallion and Pin.

DUZINSKI Reg. No. 26156, Cpl. Kazimierz Jan Dudzinski (Rtd.), 66, died June 13, 2011, at St. Thomas, ON. Born May 27, 1945, at Narzym, Poland, he joined the Force Sept. 28, 1967, at London, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "K" and "O" Divs., until retiring Jan. 3, 1989. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

ELLIOTT Reg. No. 10834, S/Cst. George William Elliott, 78, died May 26, 2011 at Winnipeg, MB. Born April 3, 1933, at Tugaskes, SK, he joined the Force Sept. 1, 1954, at Regina, SK, as a radio operator. He was posted to the "Marine" Div., until taking his discharge Aug. 31, 1958.

FARRELL Reg. No. 26591, Cpl. Dennis Michael Fyculak Farrell, 63, died May 25, 2011 at Abbotsford, BC. Born July 26, 1947, at Radway, AB, he joined the Force April 16, 1968, at Edmonton, AB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "P" and "E" Divs., until retiring June 3, 1998. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

Obituaries

FOSS Reg. No. 19608, Sgt. George David Foss (Rtd.), 73, died May 13, 2011, at Crofton, BC. Born April 28, 1938, at Stratford, ON, he joined the Force July 25, 1956, at Toronto, ON. Upon completion of training at "N" and "Depot" Divs., he served in "D," Police Dog Service Section at "HQ" and "E" Divs., and "D" Div., until purchasing his discharge Oct. 10, 1965. He re-engaged May 18, 1971, at Vancouver, BC, serving in "F" and "E" Divs., until retiring May 13, 1988. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

GIRLING Reg. No. 15210 (S/Cst. 9331), Sgt. Roy Frederick Girling (Rtd.), 83, died May 8, 2011, at Calgary, AB. Born Aug. 29, 1927, at Vancouver, BC, he joined the Force Jan. 10, 1947, at Vancouver, BC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "K" Div., until retiring July 28, 1972. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

HANCOCK Reg. No. S/17, S/Cst. Donald Edgar Hancock (Rtd.), 80, died May 5, 2011, at Paris, ON. Born Jan. 28, 1931, at Brantford, ON, he joined the Force Aug. 6, 1953, at Toronto, ON, and was posted to "Air" Div. as an aircraft technician. He became the chief aircraft technician serving in "HQ" until retiring Aug. 7, 1988. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

HOLTOM Reg. No. 12551, S/Sgt. Robert Frederick Holtom (Rtd.), 95, died July 5, 2011, at Kingston, ON. Born Aug. 16, 1915, at Bath, England, he joined the Force March 13, 1935, at Ottawa, ON. He served in the "Marine" Div., until taking his discharge March 12, 1938, time expired. He re-engaged Nov. 12, 1945, at Ottawa, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "A" and "K" Divs., until retiring Dec. 26, 1965. He served in the International Volunteers – British Contingent and participated in the Finnish-Russian War from February 1940 – March 1940 and the Royal Canadian Air Force from June 17, 1943 – May 2, 1945. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Finnish War Medal 1939-40, 1939-45 Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, War Medal 1939-45.

JOHNSTON Reg. No. 15041, S/Sgt. Lloyd John Johnston (Rtd.), 84, died July 8, 2011, at Salmon Arm, BC. Born March 16, 1927, at Edmonton, AB, he joined the Force March 14, 1947, at Edmonton, AB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "J," "D" and "E" Divs., until retiring April 6, 1972. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

KELSO Reg. No. C/38, Maurice Alexander Kelso (Rtd.), 81, died April 9, 2011, at Picton, ON. Born March 26, 1930, at Roblin, MB, he joined the Force Aug. 29, 1951, at Winnipeg, MB, as a civilian reader posted to "HQ." He became a C/M on April 1, 1960 where he served until retiring Aug. 29, 1986. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

KLAPPROTH Reg. No. 18612, Cpl. Ernest Henry Klapproth (Rtd.), 76, died June 5, 2011, at Edmonton, AB. Born Sept. 24, 1934, at Regina, SK, he joined the Force April 1, 1954, at Vancouver, BC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "K" Div., until retiring May 12, 1977. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

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KLYMKIW Reg. No. 43598, (S/1311), Cst. Stephen Klymkiw (Rtd.), 64, died June 11, 2011, at Pointe-Claire, QC. Born March 20, 1947, at Elvangen, Germany, he joined the Force Oct. 9, 1974, at Montreal, QC. He served in "C" Div., until retiring July 2, 1997. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

MACARTHUR Reg. No. 16123, Sgt. Donald Way MacArthur (Rtd.), 81, died May 5, 2011, at Kamloops, BC. Born Dec. 9, 1929, at Brandon, MB, he joined the Force May 30, 1950, at Winnipeg, MB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "E" Div., until retiring Sept. 17, 1974. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

MANTHA Reg. No. O.666, (15636) A/Commr. Joseph Louis Philippe Mantha (Rtd.), 80, died March 16, 2011, at Orleans, ON. Born March 23, 1930, at St. Andre Avellan, QC, he joined the Force Nov. 23, 1948, at Ottawa, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "C," "J," "HQ" and "A" Divs., until retiring Nov. 22, 1983. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

MARCOUX Reg. No. 0.579, D/Commr. Joseph Nil Guy Rodrigue Marcoux (Rtd.), 80, died March 29, 2011, at Duncan, BC. Born May 12, 1930, at Peribonka, QC, he joined the Force June 7, 1950, at QC. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Div., he served in "F," "J," "C," "G" and "HQ" Divs., until retiring Jan. 7, 1985. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars. He was former OC of Whitehorse Sub-Div., OIC Criminal Investigation for "C" Div., OIC Security Service "C" Div., CO "C" Div., D/Commr. for Canadian Police Services. He received a Commissioner's Commendation for "outstanding leadership as Olympic security coordinator for "C" Div. in the successful planning, coordination and implementation of complex security arrangements for the 1976 Olympics held in Canada."

MARTIN Reg. No. 30961, Cst. Christopher James Martin (Rtd.), 60, died May 5, 2011, at Winnipeg, MB. Born Nov. 27, 1950, at Sunderland, England, he joined the Force Oct. 17, 1973, at Fredericton, NB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "D" Div., until retiring July 20, 1994. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal. He previously served in the Canadian Armed Forces from July 22, 1969 - Sept. 4, 1973.

MCCARTHY Reg. No. 15804, Sgt. Joseph Michael McCarthy (Rtd.), 80, died May 30, 2011, at Gabriola, BC. Born April 3, 1931, at Medicine Hat, AB, he joined the Force June 8, 1949, at Winnipeg, MB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "F," "H" and "L" Divs., until retiring July 25, 1971. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal and the Centennial Medal.

MCCULLA Reg. No. 20879, S/Sgt. Denis McCulla, 72, died April 22, 2011, at Brampton, ON. Born Aug. 19, 1938, at Ireland, he joined the Force April 1, 1959, at Ottawa, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "O" Div., until retiring April 1, 1980. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal. He was a former president of the RCMP Veterans' Association.

MCKENZIE Reg. No. S/8719, S/Cst. John Stanley McKenzie, 92, died April 11, 2011, at Yarmouth, NS. Born July 6, 1918, at Port Aux Basques, NF, he joined the Force May 20, 1944, at Halifax, NS. He served in the "Marine" Div. - RCMP St. Roch, until purchasing his discharge Dec. 7, 1944. He was awarded the Polar Medal. He was a member of the crew of the RCMP St. Roch on its return voyage through the Northwest Passage in 1944.

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MORRISON Reg. No. 26290, Sgt. Kenneth George Morrison (Rtd.), 62, died June 26, 2011, at Dauphin, MB. Born Oct. 31, 1948, at Englishtown, NS, he joined the Force Nov. 10, 1967, at Sydney, NS. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "D" Div., until retiring April 10, 1996. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

MUSHINSKI Reg. No. 16856, former Cst. Basil Zenka Mushinski, 79, died May 19, 2011, at Naples, Fla. Born May 23, 1931, at Montreal, QC, he joined the Force Feb. 19, 1951, at Montreal, QC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "O" Div., until purchasing his discharge Dec. 6, 1951.

NEVE Reg. No. 42654, Cst. Mark Alan, 51, died Aug. 15, 2010, at Victoria, BC. Born July 3, 1959, at Middleton, NS, he joined the Force July 10, 1987, at Chilliwack, BC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "E" Div. until the time of his death. He was awarded the Police Exemplary Service Medal and First Bar, RCMP Long Service Certificate. He previously served with the Canadian Armed Forces, Military Police from Dec. 1, 1977 - Sept. 10, 1987.

NIBLOCK Reg. No. 17289, S/Sgt. Arnold John Niblock (Rtd.), 80, died May 7, 2011, at Kamloops, BC. Born Oct. 15, 1930, at Kelowna, BC, he joined the Force Oct. 4, 1951, at Vancouver, BC. Upon completion of training at "N" Div., he served in "O" Div., until purchasing his discharge May 31, 1958. He re-engaged March 1, 1961, at Vernon, BC, and served in "E" Div., until retiring July 4, 1987. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

NORMAN Reg. No. 41104, (S/875), Cst. David Alfred Norman (Rtd.), 73, died May 6, 2011, at Innisfil, ON. Born Feb. 13, 1938, at Toronto, ON, he joined the Force July 31, 1973, at Toronto, ON, as a S/Cst. for Toronto International Airport, where he served until retiring July 31, 1995. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

PICHE Reg. No. 16981, Sgt. Joseph Dieudonne Royal Piche (Rtd.), 78, died April 12, 2011, at Saint-Hermenegilde, QC. Born Jan. 12, 1933, at Montreal, QC, he joined the Force May 8, 1951, at Montreal, QC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "C" Div., until "time expired" on May 7, 1956. He re-engaged Sept. 9, 1957, at Montreal, QC, and was posted to "C" Div., where he served until retiring Sept. 8, 1973. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

PRINCE Reg. No. 15722, S/Sgt. Joseph Francois Jean Denis Prince (Rtd.), 82, died May 29, 2011, at Gatineau, QC. Born Oct. 20, 1928, at Montreal, QC, he joined the Force Feb. 15, 1949, at Montreal, QC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "N," "J" and "C" Divs., until retiring July 5, 1972. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

RELIGA Reg. No. 0.947, (18230) Supt. John Edward Religa (Rtd.), 77, died Sept. 10, 2011, at Ottawa, ON. Born July 10, 1934, at Toronto, ON, he joined the Force June 22, 1953, at Toronto, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Div., he served in "B," "HQ" and "A" Divs. He served in the Musical Ride in 1956 and was Olympic security coordinator for the 1976 Olympics, until retiring May 6, 1994. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

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ROY Reg. No. 18657, S/Sgt. Peter St. Lawrence Roy (Rtd.), 76, died July 11, 2011, at Hammond, ON. Born Feb. 12, 1935, at Toronto, ON, he joined the Force July 26, 1954, at Toronto, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "A" Div., until retiring Jan. 6, 1986. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars.

SCHULTZ Reg. No. 0.761, (19256), A/Commr. Siegfried Henry Schultz (Rtd.), 74, died Feb. 26, 2011, at Ottawa, ON. Born Oct. 16, 1936, at Ottawa, ON, he joined the Force Feb. 6, 1956, at Ottawa, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "L," "HQ" and "N" Divs., in many senior capacities, until retiring to pension Oct. 1, 1990. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Silver Clasp and Stars. After retirement, he was an advisor to the Haitian National Police under CIDA, being awarded the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal.

SLOBODIN Reg. No. 19755, Cpl. Stanley Slobodin (Rtd.), 72, died July 4, 2010, at Vernon, BC. Born Jan. 30, 1938, at Maple Creek, SK, he joined the Force Jan. 4, 1957, at Regina, SK. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "E" Div., until retiring Jan. 26, 1978. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

SMITH Reg. No. 13418, former Cst. Donald Ross Smith, 93, died July 12, 2011, at Edmonton, AB. Born Aug. 26, 1917, at Edmonton, AB, he joined the Force May 14, 1940, at Edmonton, AB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "H" Div., until taking his discharge Dec. 13, 1943.

ST. AMAND Reg. No. 27664, Sgt. Joseph Jean-Marie St. Amand (Rtd.), 60, died April 18, 2011 at Gatineau, QC. Born Sept. 27, 1950, at St. Leonard, NB, he joined the Force Nov. 26, 1969, at Fredericton, NB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "A," "C" and "HQ" Divs., until retiring July 14, 1999. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

STARK Reg. No. 46073, Sgt. Steven Kenneth Stark, 43, died Jan. 22, 2011, at Surrey, BC. Born July 11, 1967, at Vancouver, BC, he joined the Force June. 30, 1997, at Regina, SK. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "E" Div., until the time of his death.

STUART Reg. No. 13456, Sgt. George Herbert Stuart (Rtd.), 93, died June 21, 2011, at Victoria, BC. Born May 22, 1918, at Grimsby, ON, he joined the Force June 7, 1940, at Toronto, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "D" Div., until retiring Jan. 8, 1967. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

SUTTILL Reg. No. 13321, S/Sgt. Henry Squire Suttill, (Rtd.) 94, died June 16, 2011, at Lestock, SK. Born Nov. 17, 1916, at Lestock, SK, he joined the Force April 3, 1940, at Regina, SK. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "D" and "K" Divs., until retiring March 30, 1966. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

THIVIERGE Reg. No. 23178, Cpl. Joseph Jean Clement Thivierge (Rtd.), 67, died July 2, 2011, at Moncton, NB. Born Sept. 30, 1943, at Montreal, QC, he joined the Force Sept. 13, 1963, at Montreal, QC. Upon completion of training at "N" Div., he served in "H," "C," "J" and "Depot" Divs., until retiring Jan. 3, 1985. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

THOMPSON Reg. No. 18370, Cpl. Charles Wellington Thompson (Rtd.), 77, died May 6, 2011, at Stoney Plain, AB. Born Aug. 13, 1933, at Mission City, BC, he joined the Force Oct. 2, 1953, at Vancouver, BC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "K" Div., until retiring Oct. 1, 1988. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Gold Clasp and Stars.

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TOBEY Reg. No. 20566, (S/9102), Cst. Arnold John Tobey (Rtd.), 88, died June 23, 2011, at Bedford, NS. Born June 16, 1923, at Port Hood Island, Inverness Co., NS, he joined the Force July 2, 1946, at Halifax, NS. He served in the "Marine" Div., until invaliding to pension July 1, 1971. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, Canada War Medal. He previously served in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve from Oct. 20, 1943 - June 17, 1946.

TUDOR Reg. No. 35785, Sgt. Gordon Keith Tudor (Rtd.), 51, died Oct. 18, 2009, at Coaldale, AB. Born Jan. 2, 1958, at Lethbridge, AB, he joined the Force April 8, 1980, at Lethbridge, AB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "F" and "K" Div., until retiring Oct. 18, 2009. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star, and the Alberta Centennial Medal.

ULMER Reg. No. 17663, Sgt. Edwin Peter Ulmer (Rtd.), 77, died May 21, 2011 at Canmore, BC. Born Sept. 2, 1933, at Mission City, BC, he joined the Force April 8, 1952, at Vancouver, BC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "F," "HQ" and "E" Divs., until retiring Dec. 29, 1977. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

WAGNER Reg. No. 23220, Cpl. Donald Frank Wagner (Rtd.), 73, died June 15, 2011, at West Kelowna, BC. Born Feb. 28, 1938, at Carleton Co., ON, he joined the Force Jan. 3, 1964, at Ottawa, ON. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "E" Div., until retiring July 4, 1989. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal, Bronze Clasp and Star.

WILLBY Reg. No. 14921, former Cst. George Edward Willby, 90, died Feb. 17, 2011, at Toronto, ON. Born Feb. 1, 1921, at Bromley, Kent, UK, he joined the Force May 28, 1947, at Montreal, QC. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "O" Div., until purchasing his discharge July 29, 1948. He previously served in the RAF from April 5, 1939 to April 13, 1946. He was awarded the Africa Star, the Defence Medal and the War Medal 1939-45.

WILSON Reg. No. 11258, Sgt. Herbert Charles Wilson (Rtd.), 101, died June 27, 2011, at Burnaby, BC. Born Oct. 19, 1909, at Wicklow, Ireland, he joined the Force Dec. 10, 1931, at Regina, SK. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "D" and "J" Divs., until retiring Feb. 15, 1954. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

WOODALL Reg. No. 15581, Cst. Ernest Douglas Woodall, 84, died May 7, 2011, at Toronto, ON. Born Feb. 11, 1927, at Winnipeg, MB, he joined the Force Oct. 12, 1948, at Winnipeg, MB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "N," "O" and "A" Divs., until purchasing his discharge July 12, 1950. He previously served in the Canadian Army from March 1945 - September 1945.

YOUNG Reg. No. 18822, Sgt. Crawford Charles Young (Rtd.), 79, died June 25, 2011, at Delta, BC. Born Aug. 31, 1931, at Nelson, BC, he joined the Force Jan. 25, 1955, at Winnipeg, MB. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he served in "F" Div., until retiring Nov. 1, 1976. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal.

YOUNGER Reg. No. 41113, (S/727), Cst. John Younger (Rtd.), 69, died May 16, 2011, at Maple Ridge, BC. Born July 14, 1941, at Glasgow, Scotland, he joined the Force April 16, 1973, at North Vancouver, BC. He served in "E" Div., until retiring March 1, 1997. He was awarded the RCMP Long Service Medal. He previously served in the Canadian Armed Forces from Feb. 2, 1960 - Feb. 1, 1963.



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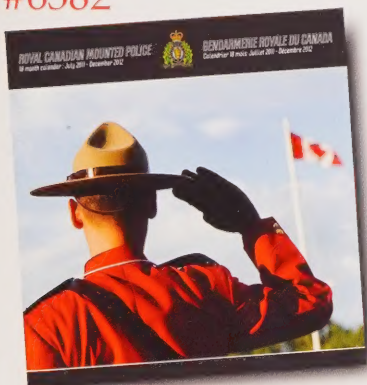
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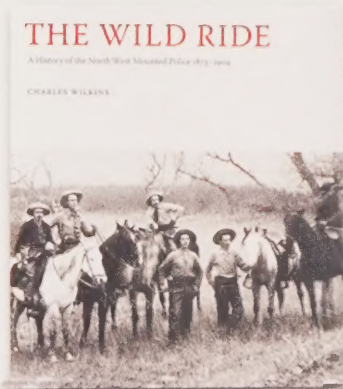
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